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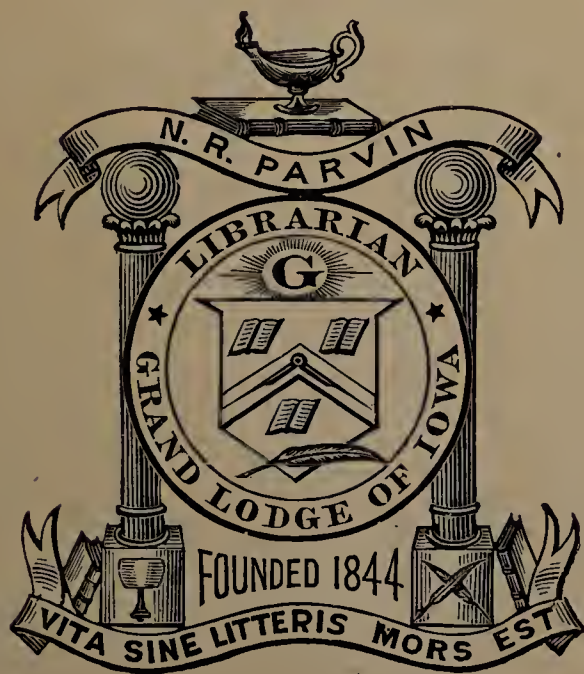
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Grand Master

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Grand Lodge of Iowa

Ancient, Free, and
Accepted Masons.

*"Tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons
in stones, and good in everything."*



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PUBLIC EXERCISES

PRIOR TO OPENING OF GRAND LODGE



ACCORDING to arrangements made with the local committee, the Grand and Past Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge assembled at 8:45 A. M., Tuesday, June 1, A. D. 1909, in front of the headquarters hotel (The New Kimball). They were formed in line by the Grand Marshal, Brother J. C. Jepson (374), when they were escorted by St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery, No. 9, K. T., Sir Knight J. D. Cantwell, Eminent Commander, and Sir Knight G. A. Gould, Captain-General, over the route designated by the local committee, to the Turner Grand Opera House, where the following preliminary exercises were held. A large number of citizens and members of the Order of the Eastern Star were present. The Grand Marshal requested Brother Granger, as the oldest Past Grand Master present, to escort the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother P. J. Martin (105), to the Grand East, who was received with public Grand Honors.

The Grand Master presented the chairman of the local committee, Brother W. F. Fidler (37), Past Senior Grand Warden, who proceeded to carry out the program as follows:

PROGRAM.

Music by Grabbe's band.

Brother W. F. Fidler (37) in a happy manner referred to the invitation extended to the Grand Lodge one year ago, of the pledge given at that time of the good things in store for

the members who came to this Grand Lodge, and of the "accident" by which he had been selected as chairman of the local committee.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

His honor, Geo. W. Scott, Mayor of Davenport, was then introduced and delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens, saying, in part:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, ladies, and gentlemen: As I stand before this magnificent audience I realize that I am in the presence of the flower of Iowa's manhood, and I welcome you to a city that is proud of its hospitality, and stands ever ready to extend a welcoming hand to such men as are before me.

Davenport and her 45,000 people extend a welcoming hand to each and every one of you. They are glad to throw open their homes and their city for your benefit and for your pleasure. We have a beautiful city. No more beautiful place exists along the pathway of the Great Father of Waters than the proud city to which you have come. Davenport is conservative, but Davenport is also progressive. As an evidence of this I have only to mention that we have six miles of paving now under way, and have beautiful boulevards and fine paved streets extending to all parts of the city. We have 1,000 men at work making our city more beautiful and more progressive at the present time. Davenport boasts of its standing in the educational world, and as an evidence of this I want to refer you to our public schools, our High school, St. Ambrose college, St. Katharine's hall, Immaculate Conception academy, as well as other institutions similar in nature and purpose. Davenport has as fine a public park system as there is in the west for a city of its size.

To you older members I would also say go to Camp McClellan, where perhaps some of you were mustered in and out of the great army some forty years ago, and behold it now, one of the beauty spots along the Mississippi. There are more homes in Davenport without a mortgage on them than any other city of its size in the west.

But there is one thing more that I want to call your attention to, and that is that Davenport is a law abiding city, its citizens love peace and order and they love to live up to the laws that govern our land. Throughout the state there is a misapprehension of our city. Slanders, tales that are untrue have gone out, our fair name has been traduced and reviled. I want the Masons who gather here to view our city, to see it as it is, to learn for themselves that we are peaceful, progressive, and law abiding, and then I want you when you go home to refute these slanderous tales.

Again I say to you, Masons and visitors, that Davenport extends a hearty welcome to each and all.

The chairman of the local committee next introduced Rev. Brother C. A. Moore (37), who gave a—

WELCOMING ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL LODGES.

Worshipful Grand Master and brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa: I confess to a feeling of embarrassment engendered by the eloquent remarks of our honorable Mayor, for by some means

unknown to myself, he must have stealthily crept into my study and appropriated my speech. For much that I had prepared for you he has already given you, only in much more beautiful phraseology than I could hope to use.

A little story will illustrate what I mean. One of our barbers, to increase his business, procured a playful little monkey which he had trained to use the brush and do other chores about the premises. One day an Irishman came in, and seeing the monkey was surprised and a little startled when he was told to sit down. Then the monkey grasped the cup and brush, and began to spread the lather, then the Irishman excitedly exclaimed, "I am not here to be monkeyed with!" He was told to remain quiet, and he would receive no harm. So the monkey spread the lather and brushed it in with his fuzzy paws. Then he hopped back and grasped a razor and started towards the excited Irishman, who objected in very decided language, saying: "I have allowed you to spread the lather and rub it in with your hairy paws, but when it comes to shaving I'll have your father there attend to that." So when it comes to delivering addresses of welcome we will have the naturally eloquent and well trained father of the city look after that.

Seeing that the local committee has asked one of their number to express the welcome resident in their hearts to this magnificent body of men and brethren, I will yield to the requirement and try to indicate these feelings. Our city may be said to be like one of which the ancient sage said of an Oriental city, that it was beautiful for situation, and a joy of its inhabitants. Here the deft hand of nature has done her most excellent work and mingled the sublime with the beautiful, so in viewing our city your souls cannot help but be charmed. To this human genius and the touch of human art have contributed their quota. Modern commerce enhanced by the ambition peculiar to our age is here doing her best work. Education, whose lofty mission it is to develop the intellectual nature, is rapidly reaching its climax, and religion, whose untiring effort is ever present to swing the mind and will into line with a moral order, is likewise playing its part. All this points to make our city of 45,000 inhabitants one of the most desirable to visit and to live in. Social life is refined and elevating; the spirit of democracy, unalloyed by vulgarity, or the commonplace, is abroad, and to this our hearts' desire is that you feel welcome. We are keeping pace with the spirit of the age. A story is told of our Mayor, who, by the way, is himself an eloquent lawyer. One time a trial was being conducted over a shooting affray. A darky was one of the witnesses. On being asked where he was, he stated that he was in the rotunda of a certain hotel; that he was blacking the boots and brushing the clothing of one of the guests. On being asked if he saw the event, he said he did. "How many shots were fired?" "Two," he answered. "Where were you when the first one went off?" He replied that he was helping a gentleman on with his overcoat. "How far were the shots apart?" The darky clapped his hands to indicate that they were as close together as the claps of his hands. "And you were helping the gentleman when the first one was discharged?" "Yes, sir." "Where were you when the second one reported?" "I was seven blocks the other side of the court house and still going some." So we are going some.

We welcome you again because we are brethren. This magnificent body of high class men have declared their allegiance to the same great guiding principles of life. We have learned some lessons when the eye of the world did not scrutinize, or when the indifferent mind of the spectator was not present. These principles which should be, and I believe are, incarnated here, point the finger of destiny to a future that shall be glorious with achievement, and invaluable with goodness.

All that is beautiful and innocent in childhood, all that is sweet and good in womanhood, all that is sacred and divine in home, all that is patriotic in government, all that is elevating in education, and all that is binding and beautifying in fraternity, these stand for. And we could not but welcome to our city a body of gentlemen who stand for all this. We lay aside all the stiffness and formality borne of strangeness, and permit our hearts to ascend the throne, and from this high court we say to you, welcome.

If you see anything in our city that you think you would like to have, go and take it. If you see an automobile, or a suit of clothes in one of our great stores, or anything that your heart craves, go and appropriate it. I see before me the faces of young Masons. Should you see in our city any of our feminine sex whom you think will cheer your life, go and take her, and I might suggest that it would be in place for you to call on me before you go.

We gaze into a future of which the present is prophetic, for I believe in evolution. And if the future is to materialize in our lives, or the lives of our children, it will be because we are the true devotees and champions of those things for which the A. F. & A. M. stand.

It is said there are two things that unite the human heart. One is fraternal love. This breaks down all barriers. It surmounts all difficulties. It puts aside the artificial, and penetrates beneath the fictitious and unites heart to heart. It is here that the never fading flowers of confidence and trust and mutual interest ever bloom. Their beauty never vanishes, their fragrance never departs. We have learned these lessons and they play a potent part in making life worth the living. The second is the experiences which we are called to pass by reason of the fact that we live. Loss stands at the end of some of our pursuits. The frosts of disappointment nip the flowers of our hope. Sickness lays us aside from the loved pursuits of life. Death enters our homes and takes our loved ones from our embrace, and so the heart is baptized in the floods of sorrow. And when those who have had kindred experiences come together, that subtle and inexplainable thing called friendship cements those hearts, and that union is made blessed by the presence of the divine.

Our city is naturally fraternal, and I voice the sentiments of every Mason and every Eastern Star, and I may unite with our honorable Mayor, and say for every citizen of Davenport, we cordially bid you welcome.

The great principles of the ages have not changed, and under their guiding light we are marching today. Enjoy our homes. Appropriate the privileges of our city. Deepen the spirit of fraternity. Enshrine more securely the principles of patriotism, friendship, and morality, and that brotherly love which will outlast the material things of this sordid life. We trust when you shall have gone to your homes that the sweetest and most fragrant flowers which shall grow in the garden of your souls may be the recollections of your sojourn in Davenport.

We shall think of you with pleasure and with respect. We shall hail your every triumph with gladness. We shall share every adversity in the spirit for which Masonry stands. May you be prospered and blessed.

RESPONSE.

Grand Master P. J. Martin (105) called upon Deputy Grand Master J. W. Barry (25) to respond to the two addresses of welcome extended to the Grand Lodge, whereupon

Brother Barry replied in a very happy manner, interspersing his talk with interesting stories, saying among other things:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, ladies, and brethren of Davenport: As I sat listening to the addresses by the speakers who have preceded me, I thought, when the first "gun" was fired, "What shall I say?" But when the second reported, I wished "I was seven blocks away."

The Masons of Iowa deeply appreciate the welcome we have received, and they vie with Davenport citizens in all that has been said about this city, as they know its beauty and its character, and are proud to know that Davenport belongs, not to the people of Davenport, but to the great state of Iowa.

Your city is famed for its hospitality. Fifty years ago on June 7th, the Grand Lodge of Iowa came to Davenport for the first time to hold its annual communication. At that time Brother Hartsook was Grand Master, and he congratulated Masonry on what it had accomplished in Iowa. He stated that there were then 147 lodges in Iowa, with a membership of 4,000. That was the first time the Grand Lodge came to Davenport, and this makes fourteen times that it has come here since. No other city in Iowa has welcomed the Grand Lodge as often as Davenport. It has met in twenty-one cities in the state since its organization, but the record of Des Moines, with ten communications, is nearest to that set by Davenport. Now the Grand Lodge gathers in this city again with over 500 lodges in the state, and with a membership of 40,000. Not only this, but there is now in the state an Eastern Star with a membership of 28,000 of the noblest women in all the world, and with its chief officer, Mrs. Bessie M. Bills, residing in this city. So we can take you brethren in Davenport by the hand and rejoice with you that the ensign of our Order hangs high. Mayor Scott has given us as hearty a welcome as a Mason could wish. For us you have plugged up the hour glass, have removed the hands from the dial of time, and have given us a "Fidlar" that we may have a merry time, and furnished us with a "Block" system that we may go on our way more free from danger. For all this I thank you, but it expresses but little of the appreciation that we feel.

This closed the public exercises and Grand Master Martin requested all not members of the fraternity to withdraw prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE



Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.

Held at Davenport, Iowa, Tuesday, June 1, A. D. 1909, A. L. 5909.

P. J. MARTIN, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

NEWTON RAY PARVIN, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.



AS PROVIDED in the Code, Article IV, and under resolution of the last session designating the place of meeting, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., convened in Sixty-sixth Annual Communication in the city of Davenport, in Turner Grand Opera House, on the first Tuesday, the first day of June, A. D. 1909, and was opened in ample form on the third degree by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, P. J. Martin (105).

INVOCATION.

Reverend Brother Walter H. Rollins (105) invoked Divine blessing.

ROLL CALL.

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Secretary proceeded to call the roll of Grand Officers and

permanent members, and reported that a constitutional number (451) of the subordinate lodges of Iowa were represented by their officers or proxies.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

(*Elective.*)

P. J. MARTIN, Waterloo, *Most Worshipful Grand Master.*

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, Alton, *Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.*

F. F. WOOD, Des Moines, *Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.*

W. G. NEWSOME, Sabula, *Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.*

N. R. PARVIN, Cedar Rapids, *Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.*

(*Appointive.*)

JOHN W. BARRY, Cedar Rapids, *Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.*

W. H. ROLLINS, Waterloo, *Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.*

J. N. NORTH, Marion, *Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon.*

J. A. DOUGLAS, Osage, *Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.*

P. G. SMITH, Rock Rapids, *Worshipful Senior Grand Steward.*

W. J. SEMMONS, Ames, *Worshipful Junior Grand Steward.*

J. C. JEPSON, Oelwein, *Worshipful Grand Marshal.*

AMOS N. ALBERSON, Washington, *Worshipful Grand Tyler.*

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

PAST GRAND MASTERS (11).

C. T. GRANGER (154), 1884.

J. D. GAMBLE (61), 1889.

L. E. FELLOWS (144), 1893.

G. W. BALL (4), 1895.

CROM. BOWEN (110), 1898.

THOMAS LAMBERT (169), 1899.

W. S. GARDNER (100), 1902.

C. C. CLARK (318), 1903.

W. H. NORRIS (165), 1905.

W. F. CLEVELAND (321), 1906.

R. M. HUNTER (331), 1907.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS (6).

J. F. MARTIN (292), 1887.

A. N. ALBERSON (26), 1893.

W. F. FIDLAR (37), 1898.

F. W. CRAIG (110), 1904.

LOUIS BLOCK (208), 1905.

D. W. CLEMENTS (69), 1906.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS (7).

ALF. WINGATE (110), 1875.
W. L. EHLERS (474), 1895.
GILBERT BALDWIN (487), 1897.
G. W. LIPE (71), 1898.
F. B. WHITAKER (541), 1904.
F. S. MOSES (255), 1906.
C. W. WALTON (49), 1907.

PAST GRAND TREASURERS (9).

C. W. FRACKER (22), 1883.
EDMUND JACKSON (242), 1892.
ALMOR STERN (420), 1898.
O. L. WRIGHT (61), 1899.
C. B. MILLS (255), 1901.
T. J. DAVIS (6), 1903.
M. D. GIBBS (537), 1905.
W. H. YOUNG (485), 1906.
J. H. THATCHER (486), 1907.

CUSTODIAN.

O. N. WAGLEY (59).

DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master announced the following members to serve as a committee to distribute printed documents during the session of Grand Lodge: H. C. Jones (79), Frank F. Pool (602), J. W. Frankelberger (43), T. C. Torrison (598), C. C. Jacobson (404).

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER IN CHAIR.

The Deputy Grand Master, Brother J. W. Barry (25), announced the next order of business would be the presentation of the Grand Master's address, whereupon Grand Master P. J. Martin (105) presented and read his address as follows:



BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



WITH a due sense of the responsibilities entrusted to me as your Grand Master during the past year, I will endeavor to render you an accounting of my stewardship.

It has been my aim to preserve intact the landmarks of Freemasonry, to maintain the usages and customs of the craft, and allow nothing to mar the peace and harmony that has prevailed in this jurisdiction for so many, many years.

Realizing that Freemasonry is a law unto itself, that it imperatively requires that all other organizations be of secondary consideration, that its virtues, principles, security, and perpetuity depend upon its isolation from the profane and the shifting ideas of change and reform, it has been my purpose to carry out the will of this Grand Lodge impartially, and in accordance with our established law.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa meets in its sixty-sixth annual communication to plant one more golden milestone in its triumphant march along the pathway of human liberty. No assemblage of men, whether ecclesiastical, civic, or fraternal ever had greater cause to be proud of the principles for which they stand, or have greater reason to glory in the universality of the truths they promulgated than have we. Centuries of

honorable history and progress are behind us. History that proclaims to the world our unselfish devotion to duty in the uplifting and the betterment of mankind.

Among all the institutions known to man at the present day Freemasonry and the great school back of it are the only ones that undertake with clear intelligence to define man's duty to himself and to his fellowmen, and to point out the lines of self-perfection, liberation, and higher evolution by an exact ethical formula, free from all dogmatism, superstition, fear, or any ulterior motive whatsoever. Freemasonry thus stands as the epitome of human wisdom and of man's highest achievement to the present time.

NECROLOGY.

Astronomers tell us that there is always a place in the sky where last night and this morning are telling each other good-bye, and the chronologist tells us that every night and every day a member of our beloved fraternity passes to the great beyond.

During the year 611 of our brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction "have crossed the bar" and are now sleeping the great white sleep.

"Oh no, not dead, but vanished away from human sight,
The veil was only lifted, one angel more in light."

While the Committee on Fraternal Dead will present a detailed report on this subject, I feel it my duty to refer briefly to those who have served as members of this Grand Lodge and who were well known to the craft, and whose loss we all deplore.

Cyrus H. Shaw, Past Senior Grand Warden, who had given many years of his life to Masonry, was stricken by the grim reaper in his home city of Marshalltown while on his way to conduct a Masonic funeral for a neighboring lodge. He served as Senior Grand Warden in 1875. Had filled the office of Master nineteen years; was a District Lecturer, and one of the most prominent and respected Masons in central

Iowa. At the request of his family and the Masons of Marshalltown, I convened the Grand Lodge in emergent session on March 18th, and all that was mortal of our brother was conveyed to the beautiful cemetery in that city and deposited with Masonic honors. The beautiful and impressive Masonic services were conducted by Brother George R. Turner. The attendance was large. The floral tributes exceptionally beautiful, and all Marshalltown mourned the loss of this distinguished man and Mason.

William B. Allison, Past Junior Grand Warden, died at his home in the city of Dubuque, August 6, 1908, after a long, busy, and useful life. For many years Brother Allison was a zealous and enthusiastic worker among the craft of his home city. On account of his high standing as a Mason and his prominence as a citizen, both in the state and nation, he was elected Honorary Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1889. He had the loving regard of all who knew him, and when he was called by the mandate of death to become a laborer in the vineyard of the Master, the state lost a distinguished son, the nation a valued servant, and our fraternity a beloved brother.

S. R. J. Hoyt, Past Grand Chaplain, fell into that dreamless sleep that knows no waking on May 6th, and the Masons of Iowa lost a most valuable and useful member. After a virtuous life and in God's own way, his unfettered soul was permitted to solve the mysteries of immortal life. He leaves thousands to mourn his going. He was loved by all who knew him. He was buried in the city of Davenport on May 8th.

L. B. Dunton, Past Junior Grand Deacon, died at his home in Riceville, October 2, 1908. This aged brother was well known to many of the older members of the fraternity. He was a zealous upright Mason and had the confidence of all who knew him.

“They are out of the chaos of the living,
Of the wreck and debris of the years,
They have passed from the struggle and striving,
They have finished their goblet of tears.
When they ceased their earthly labors,
Friends clothed them in garments of rest,
And they entered the chamber of silence,
God do with them now what is best.

“We saw not the lift of the curtain,
Nor heard the invisible door,
As they passed where life's problems uncertain,
Will follow and vex them no more.
We lingered and wept on the threshold,
That threshold each mortal must cross,
Then we laid a new wreath down upon it,
To mark our sorrow and loss.”

CHARTERED LODGES.

I am pleased to report that with very few exceptions universal peace and tranquility prevailed among the lodges in this jurisdiction during the year, and from all reports received the trowel has been put to its proper Masonic use and the cement of brotherly love and affection has been generously spread by the craft. The returns for the year show that the lodges in Iowa are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The net gain in membership during the year was 1,571, making a total membership on January 1, 1909, of 41,075. During the year 1,104 demitted and 427 allowed themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

While these latter figures are not materially different from those of preceding years, they are entirely too large, and some method should be adopted that will result in decreasing our loss from these causes each year.

At our last session arrangements were made for making a complete card index of the membership in Iowa. Work has been commenced on this important feature of our records and should continue without interruption until finished, and when done it will prove of the greatest value to the Grand Secretary's office, to the lodges of the jurisdiction, and to the members themselves. The identification cards adopted by the Grand Lodge two years ago have gained such favor that they are now indispensable, and each lodge should be fur-

nished with a sufficient number of cards to accommodate all their members who may be in need of them, without expense to the individual lodges.

From the best information obtainable I am pleased to report to you that 191 Masonic Lodges in this jurisdiction now own the buildings occupied by them, and several others are preparing to build or purchase. Nothing adds to the stability and prosperity of a lodge more than paying for a permanent home, and I sincerely hope every lodge in the jurisdiction will make an honest effort to own a lodge building of its own at the earliest possible date.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges have done their work faithfully and well and will report during this session. —

NEW LODGES.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge charters were issued to five new lodges, as follows:

Rock River Lodge, No. 599, at Doon.

Imperial Lodge, No. 600, at Swea City.

Acorn Lodge, No. 601, at Stratford.

Alhambra Lodge, No. 602, at Union.

Cyprian Lodge, No. 603, at Miles.

As contemplated by your action and the laws of the order, I commissioned the following well known brethren as my special deputies for the purpose of regularly constituting the above named lodges:

Rock River Lodge, No. 599, located at Doon, Lyon county, was constituted by Brother A. J. Walsmith, of Mistletoe Lodge, No. 376, of Sheldon.

Imperial Lodge, No. 600, located at Swea City, Kossuth county, was constituted by Brother William Kerr, of Progressive Lodge, No. 503, of Bancroft.

Acorn Lodge, No. 601, located at Stratford, Hamilton county, was constituted by Brother O. N. Wagley, of Newton Lodge, No. 59, of Newton.

Alhambra Lodge, No. 602, located at Union, Hardin county, was constituted by Brother C. H. Shaw, of Marshall Lodge, No. 108, of Marshalltown.

Cyprian Lodge, No. 603, located at Miles, Jackson county, was constituted by Brother Milo J. Gabriel, of Lyons Lodge, No. 93, of Lyons.

In each case the lodge was constituted according to the established custom of the craft, the officers properly installed, the lodge instructed and set to work, and I am under obligations to the special deputies for the excellent manner in which their work was done.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

On September 21st I received a communication from Brother R. G. Shipley, of Menlo, Iowa, saying they were desirous of organizing a Masonic Lodge at that place. After some correspondence and investigation I decided there was not room for a lodge, and returned the demits in my possession to the lodge at Stuart in order that the members who had demitted might re-affiliate.

I also received a request from the brethren at Pierson, Iowa, asking that a lodge be formed at that place. The request was received so late in the year that I advised them to wait until after Grand Lodge had been held and apply to the incoming Grand Master, who would give their case due consideration.

Rock Valley.—On the 15th day of December, 1908, I received from Brother Robt. Roantree and fourteen others a petition in proper form asking for authority to form a lodge at Rock Valley, Sioux county, Iowa. I made a very careful investigation, and after being satisfied that the brethren could and would maintain a lodge that would adhere to the rules and regulations of the ancient craft, did on the 22d day of February grant my special dispensation empowering them to organize a lodge at that place.

Edgewood.—During December I received a petition signed by Brother L. B. Blanchard and nineteen others asking for a dispensation to form a new lodge in the town of Edgewood in Clayton county. I made a thorough investigation of the conditions, made a personal visit to Edgewood, and looked the situation over carefully. After being satisfied that there was sufficient territory to support a lodge, and all the provisions of the Code having been complied with, I issued a dispensation to them on March 20th authorizing them to organize a lodge.

Royal.—On March 28, 1908, Grand Master Hunter issued a dispensation for a lodge at Royal, Clay county, to be known as Sunset Lodge. The Committee on Lodges under Dispensation of last year, of which Brother G. A. Reimcke was chairman, reviewed the transcript of the work done by this lodge, and on account of the short time between the date of the dispensation and the close of their report of work done, the committee thought it best to continue the dispensation for another year.

Transcripts of the work done by these lodges, together with all other papers, have been filed with the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.

I am satisfied the best interests of the fraternity have been advanced by the formation of these lodges, and I doubt not they will present work that will bear the test of the Overseer's square. I trust they may receive charters at this session.

WEAK LODGES.

There are a few weak lodges in the jurisdiction that need the attention of the Grand Lodge in a practical way. They need a visit from the Grand Master, and this visit should be more than a formal call. He should spend a day or two in each place, call on every member, meet with them in the lodge room, and talk over their condition with them in a friendly way. If they are so rusty in the work that they can not confer a degree, arrange for a District Lecturer or

some other competent brother to assist them until they become proficient, and aid them in any other manner he may find necessary. Such visit would revive the Masonic spirit and encourage them to continue, and in 90 per cent of the cases the lodge will not only live, but will grow and prosper.

Twenty-six of our lodges are located in little inland towns some distance from a railroad. While they generally have a small membership, they usually have the genuine Masonic spirit and should be given as much attention as other lodges in the jurisdiction. While there are many reasons for lodges to become weak and discouraged, there is no good reason for the loss of the true Masonic spirit which should always exist in the lodge, and the loss of which is one of the most common reasons for lodges losing interest first and members later. Another reason for weak lodges is the fact that some of them do not collect sufficient funds from their members to maintain reasonably decent quarters, properly carry on the functions of the lodge, care for the sick, or bury the dead. The law should be so changed that no profane can be made a Mason in this state for less than \$25, or pay less than \$2.00 annual dues in addition to Grand Lodge dues.

I am pleased to report that during the year no lodge in this jurisdiction surrendered its charter. In two cases such action was contemplated, but a personal visit resulted in renewed interest being taken in the lodge by the members, and from present indications I am sure they will live for many years to come.

SMOKING IN LODGE ROOMS.

The growing inclination of men to smoke at all times and places has resulted in the members of some of our lodges insisting that they have the right to smoke in the lodge room. Such a man would demand the right to smoke in church, should he attend one, no matter how offensive it might be to others. No Mason who has the true spirit of fraternity in his heart will have the desire to smoke or perform any other act in the lodge room that will offend any brother or tend to

debase or degrade this noble order. Only a few of our lodges permit it, and in these the practice should be stopped.

Smoking in the lodge room is an offense against common decency, a violation of the rules of good breeding, and should be made a Masonic offense.

LODGE FUNDS.

In various localities in the state, questions have arisen as to whether a Masonic lodge may properly appropriate moneys out of its treasury for the furtherance of some laudable public enterprise. I have been asked whether a Masonic lodge might vote money from its treasury for the purpose of aiding in the establishment of a factory, and also whether a lodge might use its funds to purchase books for the public library.

If a lodge could by a majority vote appropriate money to assist in building a factory or purchase books for a library, the lodge could easily become divided in considering what should be the proper objects of its bounty. There would be no limit to the annual dues which might be imposed upon the members of the lodge if the money raised by the collection of dues is not to be used solely for Masonic purposes.

Masonic law forbids the discussion of political, sectarian, or other subjects not of a strictly Masonic character in the lodges of this jurisdiction, and I can hardly conceive how a proposition to vote money to promote a factory or aid some other private or public enterprise could be considered in the lodge without a discussion of questions wholly foreign to the purpose for which lodges are organized. The brethren of the lodge would become divided, the treasury depleted, and the lodge lose its real vitality, wholly on account of matters in no wise connected with the Masonic institution.

THE BLACK BALL.

There is no one thing that causes so much trouble in the lodges, so many disappointments to the members, as the wrong use of the black ball. To see a man we know is worthy and

good denied admission to the fraternity for personal reasons or personal spite tests our confidence in human nature as we see the teachings and tenets of our order go unheeded. Yet the black ball is necessary for our very existence, and any change in the law would be unwise. The absolute right to cast a secret ballot is one of our landmarks. So long as there creep into this fold men who are unworthy, who have become members for purely selfish motives, who have no conception of what real Masonry is, just so long will there be the wrong use of the black ball. If it were possible for this fraternity to eliminate selfishness and hatred from the minds of its members, it would have succeeded where all the philosophies and religions of the world have failed. The only thing that we can do is to guard our portals well, see that no unworthy member is admitted, and, if possible, educate our members in the teachings and principles of genuine Masonry. Ask each member to compare the candidate with himself. Place himself and the candidate on the same level, and then in the white light of absolute justice decide whether he is as good a citizen and as upright a man as the candidate, and vote accordingly.

When this is done there will be fewer black balls cast unjustly, but when a ballot has been had and a man above all reproach, who would have been an honor to the fraternity, has been rejected, it is better to lose the candidate than to question the motives of a member at the risk of dissension or disruption. This fraternity or any lodge thereof is not dependent upon the admission of any one person or any one dozen persons into its ranks. Remember, brethren, that more real harm has been done the Masonic institution by the wrong use of the white ball than has by the wrong use of the black cube, but when a black ball is cast unjustly, it is better to leave it all to the silence which should follow the ballot and the offending member to his own conscience, for every member must answer under his obligation to God for the casting of every ballot, and as He knows our innermost thoughts, reliance may be placed in Him to punish those who vote from any but a pure motive.

LODGE OFFICERS.

Every lodge in this jurisdiction should exercise both care and judgment in the selection of a Secretary. A good Secretary who is competent and willing to conduct the business of the lodge as it should be, is of untold value to his lodge. He should be paid for the work he does, and then rewarded by advancement when opportunity offers. Our law provides that the Treasurer and Secretary shall make annual reports to the lodge of the transactions of their offices, but no provision is made for the Master, who occupies by far the most important and responsible position in the lodge, to make a written report of his stewardship. A few of the lodges have adopted the custom of requiring their Masters to make a written report at the close of the year. I believe that every Master in the state should make a detailed report of the proceedings of the lodge that will give the brethren all the necessary information regarding the membership, work done, number of meetings held, deaths, memorial services, charity, financial, and other topics of interest. These reports should be read in open lodge on the night of installation, and, if possible, printed and distributed among the members.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

Some of our lodges and their members have during the year received calls from persons claiming to be members of the fraternity in need of assistance, and in many instances prompt relief has been given. Occasionally a member in good standing and in every way worthy is compelled to appeal to his Masonic brothers for temporary assistance, but the great majority of those who solicit aid are bums and professional dead beats, who may have been at some time members, but who have fallen from the ranks and are using their knowledge of the craft to impose upon the lodge or its members.

Before any assistance is given to an unknown person care should be exercised. He should be made to prove in some way that he is what he claims to be and worthy of assistance.

If he cannot clearly show that he is a member in good standing, get the name of his lodge and wire them for information. In a great majority of cases when he learns that this will be done he silently fades away and makes no further demands for aid. In this respect the identification card is an invaluable aid, as no unworthy person could procure one.

MAKING MINISTERS MASONS FREE.

I do not admire the custom or approve the title applied by the usages of this jurisdiction which permits the degrees of Symbolic Masonry to be conferred upon ministers free of charge. It always looks humiliating to a minister and not creditable to a lodge. A minister who is a good man is justly entitled to all the courtesies extended to any other good man, and no more. True Masonry knows no creed except its own, and the idea some lodges have that it is really necessary for the ministers to join them in order to stand well in the community is entirely erroneous. The average minister enjoys more of the luxuries of life than the average member of our lodges, and they should pay the same price and enjoy the same privileges that other members do. When this is done, ministers will have a higher appreciation of the fraternity and become more active and useful members than they now are.

STUDENT'S MASONIC CLUB.

In October last the Student's Masonic Club of the University of Iowa, which is composed of Masons in attendance at the University, asked for permission to hold schools of instruction in the secret work in addition to the study of the history and philosophy of the craft. Believing that much good would result from schools of this kind, permission was given, on the condition that such schools be held in the Masonic lodge room at Iowa City, and the meetings be properly tiled, and that a District Lecturer be secured, if possible, to act as instructor.

A few months later it was my privilege, in company with the Grand Secretary, to visit this Club. I found a very enthusiastic Masonic organization, composed of perhaps seventy-five young men, who have banded themselves together for the purpose of Masonic study and improvement. They meet in the lodge room of Iowa City Lodge, No. 4, and study the history, philosophy, signs, symbols, and secret work of Freemasonry, and each month they invite some well known Mason to give an address or read a paper to them on the branch of study they are pursuing.

These young men are doing a noble work and should receive the encouragement of the Masons of the jurisdiction, and I am sure that if the Grand Lodge would investigate the splendid work these young are doing and give them some assistance in the way of books and periodicals, and furnish them well-informed Masonic speakers, that wherever these young men may locate after leaving the University they will be a great help to the Masons of that locality. The president of this Craftsman's Club is Brother Realff Ottesen, who is a resident of Davenport, and a member of one of the committees in charge of the entertainment of the Grand Lodge.

"Sons of light, who in your abodes of peace and truth,
With allegory deep and symbols old,
Set forth, in rites mysterious, all that man,
May know, learn, fear, or hope."

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

I have visited the Grand Lodge Library several times during the year. Without its aid I would have been unable many times to give the information called for or render needed assistance to some of the lodges of the jurisdiction. I am sure that many of you have not taken the time to investigate the Library owned by the Masons of Iowa, and what it means to each Mason in the state who will avail himself of the opportunities offered for education along Masonic lines. No Grand Jurisdiction anywhere is so rarely blessed in this particular. It is beyond question the largest, best, and most

widely known Masonic Library in the entire world, and has given Iowa a higher standing among all classes of Masons throughout the world than it otherwise could have had.

Brethren, with this great store-house of knowledge in our midst, it becomes our duty to avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded to improve our Masonic education. Remember, "a man may make millions and be a failure still. He is the richest man who enriches mankind most." In order that Masonry may mean the most to us and leave the greatest impression upon our lives and conduct, it is absolutely necessary for us to give some time and some thought to the study of what Freemasonry is, and that for which it stands. We get out of life just what we put into it, and the same is true of Masonry. It has for us just what we give to it.

I ask each of you during the coming year to investigate the Library and the work it is doing more carefully than you have done in the past. Find out what real good it can do for you. Write the Grand Secretary for a list of books you can have for the asking. Ask him about any subject you may be interested in, and I know that you will not only become interested in the Library and its work, but will be a better Mason by reason of increased knowledge concerning the greatest and oldest organization among men.

GRAND CHARITY FUND.

Every Mason in Iowa ought to feel profoundly grateful that his membership in our fraternity has brought to him an opportunity to participate in the maintenance of the Grand Charity Fund, which provides the necessities of life for so many aged and dependent brothers, their widows and orphans, thus bringing peace and happiness to their troubled minds and furnishing conclusive evidence that our professions of Masonic character go beyond empty statements and have a reality beyond titles, and that Masonic charity does exist in Iowa.

The management of the Grand Charity Fund is in excellent hands. The Trustees are in love with their work and no

unjust claims are paid or unworthy persons given assistance. But on the other hand every worthy Mason or his family who actually needs assistance will be cheerfully and promptly cared for when the proper showing is made. When Masonic relief is given there is no show or display made. The case is handled so quietly that the next door neighbor of the person receiving assistance is not aware of the fact. In this connection I desire to call your attention to the case of Brother Robert Cleland, of Bevington, and a member of Model Lodge, No. 315, of St. Charles. He is eighty years of age, infirm, and afflicted with a malignant cancer which he desires to have removed. This aged brother being without funds and having received support from the Grand Charity Fund for some time, made application to me for permission to circulate an appeal to the lodges of the jurisdiction for assistance.

With a knowledge of the work our Grand Charity Fund has done, together with the fact that the request was made only thirty days before the opening of Grand Lodge, I did not grant the request for the reason I felt sure that any recommendation the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund may make in connection with this case, after a careful investigation by them, will be approved by you. A detailed report on this case, together with all other matters pertaining to the work of the Trustees of the fund, will be made to you by the chairman, Brother Thomas Lambert, during the session.

GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

It has been the custom for many years to allow the Grand Treasurer to use all the funds belonging to this Grand Lodge during his term of office without interest, and to pay him a salary and pay for his bond besides. For several years the Grand Treasurer's office has paid much better than the office of Grand Master, while the Grand Master has more real work to do in one week than the Grand Treasurer has in a year. While the Grand Treasurers have been in no way to blame for this happy condition, I am fully convinced the time has ar-

rived when business principles should prevail in this as well as in all other things in connection with the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

I made some investigation and find that in some states with a larger membership than Iowa the Grand Treasurer receives a salary of \$100 per year or less. The Grand Lodge pays for his bond and allows his expenses to Grand Lodge, and in return receives not less than 4 per cent interest on all funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer during the year. This plan certainly should be adopted in Iowa, and I sincerely hope it will be done this year.

QUARTERLY BULLETIN.

Freemasonry as a science has a literature peculiar to its mystic teachings, and men of the highest culture among its membership are exercising their pens and brains in every range of thought to inform and instruct those who will avail themselves of the opportunity. For several years there was issued from the office of our Grand Secretary a publication known as the Quarterly Bulletin. It took a high rank with the Masonic publications of the world and was read with interest and profit by the officers and members of the lodges of the jurisdiction. Just why it was stopped I do not know. Certainly not on account of the inability of the Grand Secretary to prepare it or unwillingness on his part to do so. The Quarterly Bulletin should be published, and not less than four copies furnished to every lodge in the state free of expense. It is the medium of disseminating valuable information on all Masonic subjects, gives the Grand Officers an opportunity to reach the lodges with such information as they desire to transmit to them, and unites the craft of the state in closer bonds of friendship than is possible without some medium of this kind. The Grand Lodge is able to issue this valuable publication and the craft are anxious to receive it. I hope that the Grand Lodge takes positive action on the matter.

EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS OF ITALY.

On January 1st, I received from Ettore Ferrari, 33d, Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, an appeal in behalf of the Masons who had been rendered homeless by the terrible earthquake which devastated that country during the closing months of 1908. Fortunately there was on hand about \$1,000 of the unexpended fund that had been contributed by the lodges of Iowa for the relief of the sufferers in San Francisco, and after a consultation with the Grand Secretary we decided to send our stricken brethren in Italy one-half of this amount instead of issuing an appeal to the lodges of the jurisdiction, and \$500 was immediately sent to the proper Masonic authorities of Italy. I respectfully ask your approval of this action.

MAKING TAFT A MASON AT SIGHT.

It was my privilege to be present when William Howard Taft was made a Mason at sight in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati on February 18th. In the presence of nearly four hundred prominent Masons of Ohio and other states the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Brother Chas. S. Hoskinson, opened an occasional Grand Lodge and exercised the prerogative of his office by making the President-elect a Mason. He had been recommended by three well known brethren of the jurisdiction. The ceremony lasted one hour, and at its close Brother Taft was pronounced a Master Mason in good standing and entitled to petition any lodge in Ohio for affiliation, and I am advised that he has since been elected to membership in Killwinning Lodge, No. 356, of Cincinnati, the same lodge in which his father and brothers held membership.

Masons have been made at sight in many jurisdictions ever since the fraternity was introduced. The authority for such action being based upon the fact that there were Grand Masters before there were Grand Lodges, and the ancient landmarks which governed the Grand Masters gave them the right to make Masons of worthy persons at sight.

In the case of making William Howard Taft a Mason at sight by the Grand Master of Ohio, there was both law and precedent for his action, and the proceeding was both legal and proper. In this jurisdiction the constitution forbids the Grand Master from exercising his prerogative in this particular, and there has never been any inclination on the part of any Iowa Grand Master to disregard the law.

In my opinion the only harm that came to Masonry through making the President a Mason at sight is the bringing into public prominence our ancient, serene, and dignified fraternity through the indiscreet actions of Masonic writers and the unusual activity of the secular press.

So far as I know there has never been a Mason made at sight in Iowa, but there are several instances on record where the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry have been conferred on a candidate the same evening by authority of the Grand Master.

DECISIONS.

Perhaps the most difficult problem the Grand Master has to contend with during his term of office is to decide the many hard and knotty problems propounded to him. Many questions are asked that cannot be answered by the Code and the Grand Master must search the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for a precedent, write the Committee on Jurisprudence, or answer on his own responsibility.

I have rendered a number of decisions during the year; some of them were unimportant and will not be given in detail; others which might be of interest to the craft in general are given herewith:

Question. Can a lodge by by-law exempt a member who has paid dues for twenty or twenty-five years from further payment of local lodge dues?

Answer. No. He can only be excused from paying on account of actual inability to pay.

Question. In balloting for a brother who has re-petitioned under the provisions of Section 159, how must the ballot be taken?

Answer. By secret ball ballot; two-thirds majority elects.

Question. Do the provisions of Section 250, which prohibits dancing and card playing in the lodge room, if objected to, apply to the banquet room, reception room, and parlors all on the same floor with the lodge room?

Answer. No. It applies only to the lodge room, ante-room, and preparation room.

Question. Can a demitted Mason affiliate with a lodge outside of the one within whose jurisdiction he resides?

Answer. No. Not without a waiver of jurisdiction.

Question. Can a Mason who is employed as private secretary to the president of a brewery affiliate with an Iowa lodge?

Answer. Yes. He is now a Mason and eligible to visit a lodge, and is therefore eligible to petition for membership.

Question. Can a lodge ballot on a petition of a profane who removes permanently from its jurisdiction before he has been balloted on?

Answer. No. His removal makes him ineligible. After he has been elected he would belong to the lodge in which he had been elected, no matter where he moves to.

INVASION OF TERRITORY.

Twelve cases where a lodge received the petition of a profane who resided in the jurisdiction of some other lodge have been referred to me for settlement. In each case I made a careful investigation of the facts, and after some correspondence with interested lodges was able to effect a satisfactory settlement of ten of the cases. The other two cases have been referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, who will report them to you at this session, and are as follows:

Fortitude Lodge, No. 256, of Van Meter, and Delta Lodge, No. 356, of Dallas Center, who by previous agreement held concurrent jurisdiction over the incorporated town of Waukee, which is located half way between the towns of Van Meter and Dallas Center, made complaint that Adel Lodge, No. 80,

of Adel, had invaded their jurisdiction and received the petitions of profanes residing in the town of Waukee. After considerable correspondence with each of the three lodges and being unable to satisfactorily adjust the matter, I referred the case to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances and notified each of the three lodges to appear before the committee at this session of the Grand Lodge and present their evidence, after which the committee will report their findings to you for action.

Auburn Lodge, No. 592, vs. King David Lodge, No. 407.

In November last Auburn Lodge, No. 592, made complaint that King David Lodge, No. 407, of Altoona, had invaded their jurisdiction and received the petition of a profane residing within the jurisdiction of said Auburn Lodge. An investigation of the facts disclosed a peculiar condition. The petitioner who resided in East Des Moines desired to petition the lodge at Altoona, which is located a short distance east of the city limits of Des Moines. The lodge at Altoona, knowing the petitioner resided in the jurisdiction of Home Lodge, No. 370, of East Des Moines, requested this lodge to waive jurisdiction over the candidate. This was promptly done and the lodge at Altoona elected the petitioner and conferred the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry upon him. Auburn Lodge, No. 592, which is located in North Des Moines, then made a demand for the fee and penalty as provided by the Code for the invasion of jurisdiction. There being five lodges in Des Moines, all having concurrent jurisdiction, I was unable to determine how any one lodge could legally demand that they be given the entire fee and penalty, and decided that Auburn Lodge was only entitled to one-fifth of the amount, and instructed King David Lodge to settle with them on that basis, the other four lodges in Des Moines having waived jurisdiction.

Arcturus Lodge, No. 237, vs. Pleiades Lodge, No. 248.

Invasion of Jurisdiction.—This case was before Grand Lodge in 1907, and was reviewed by Grand Master Hunter in

1908. Arcturus Lodge, No. 237, makes the claim that Pleiades Lodge invaded their jurisdiction and made a Mason of W. M. Allen, whose parents resided at Castalia, which is within the jurisdiction of said Arcturus Lodge, No. 237. The candidate at the time he petitioned was a student at the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. Believing that a more satisfactory settlement of this case could be made by referring it to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and instructing both lodges to appear before the committee and make a showing of facts, I have forwarded the papers in the case to the chairman of the committee and asked them to investigate the case carefully and report their findings at this session of the Grand Lodge.

MASONIC HALL DEDICATED.

In February last I was requested by the officers and members of Fidelitas Lodge, No. 364, located at Fairfax, to dedicate their new Masonic Hall to the uses of Freemasonry. Being unable to attend in person, I appointed Brother Martin Evans, Past Master of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, of Cedar Rapids, my special deputy to represent me on this occasion. From the reports received, both from Brother Evans and from the lodge, I am able to report that the new hall was duly dedicated to Freemasonry in accordance with the customs of the craft.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

Following the customs of previous years, I have, in addition to the two new lodges already reported, granted dispensations when it was evident that the best interests of the craft demanded it. I granted four dispensations to re-ballot on rejected candidates and refused twenty-two other requests for the reason that no showing was made that would warrant me in issuing a dispensation. Several dispensations were granted permitting lodges to install one or more officers who were unable to be present on the night of installation.

Seven dispensations were granted authorizing the lodges to elect and install a Master or Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by death or removal from the state.

Other dispensations were granted permitting the lodges to move from one hall to another in the same town. I received more than twenty-five requests asking for a dispensation to receive the petition of a profane who was maimed or deformed. In each case I replied that no man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry who could not, with his natural person, comply with all the requirements of the fraternity, and the use of artificial limbs or other appliances must not be considered when determining the eligibility of a petitioner.

VISITATIONS.

During the year I have visited officially about fifty lodges in the jurisdiction. In every lodge I received a cordial greeting and fraternal welcome. In a great majority of the cases it was the first time they had ever received a visit from a Grand Master. There is no question in my mind but what a visit from a Grand Master is of actual value to any lodge, and especially to the weak and indifferent ones. It arouses interest, creates enthusiasm, and does them permanent good, and I am firmly of the opinion that some arrangement should be made for the Grand Master or his special deputy to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction within the next five years, and when the visit is made a special report of the conditions of the lodge should be made to the Grand Master and by him transmitted to the Grand Lodge, that we may know the actual condition of the lodges in order that any needed assistance may be given them.

This report should show what degree of proficiency in the secret work the lodge has attained; the financial condition; amount of uncollected dues; whether the lodge quarters are well kept or not; the general condition of the lodge, and all other things pertaining to its welfare.

These visitations should be made under the authority of the Grand Master, who should be authorized to appoint at least

four special Deputy Grand Masters to make such visits as the Grand Master is unable to make himself, and I earnestly recommend that the incoming Grand Master be required to visit either in person or by special deputy not less than fifty of the smallest and weakest lodges of the jurisdiction during the coming year; that a detailed report be made of each of the lodges visited and submitted to the next session of this Grand Lodge for its information, and that the Finance Committee be instructed to recommend an appropriation of \$250 to be placed in the hands of the Grand Master as a special fund to carry this recommendation into effect.

I am sorry that I was unable to visit a greater number of the lodges of the jurisdiction than I did. I enjoyed every visit made and only regret that I could not have visited one hundred lodges instead of fifty.

The Grand Secretary, Brother N. R. Parvin, accompanied me when making a goodly number of the visits, and he received a true Masonic welcome in each lodge visited, and I know that his visits have done the craft much good.

DISTRICT LECTURERS.

The work of the District Lecturers during the year has been uniform and satisfactory. The dissemination of the work under the direction of the Board of Custodians has resulted in an improved condition in many of our lodges. Yet a great number of the lodges have received no ritualistic instructions during the year or for some years past. This is of necessity true and reflects no discredit upon the Board of Custodians. We should remember there are 518 lodges in the state; that only 49 Grand Lodge schools were held, which necessitates the representatives of from 15 to 25 lodges to attend one of these district schools if they are to receive the benefit of the instruction afforded by the Grand Lodge. Many private schools have been held during the year and have resulted in great good in every instance. I am firmly convinced that if each lodge where Grand Lodge schools are not

easily accessible would employ a District Lecturer and have a private school they would find it the best expenditure of money they ever made, and that their lodge would receive lasting benefits therefrom. When a District Lecturer holds a school in any lodge, whether private or otherwise, he should be required to make a detailed report to the Grand Master on blanks provided for that purpose, showing the actual condition of the lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

For many years the Grand Lodge of Iowa followed the custom of appointing well known members residing in other Grand Jurisdictions to represent the Grand Lodge of Iowa in the jurisdiction where he then resided. Many of our sister jurisdictions still follow this custom with satisfactory results, but the custom has fallen into disuse in Iowa during the past few years. I would suggest that the subject be considered with a view of reinstating the practice in this state if found advisable.

SUGGESTIONS.

While much for the good of the order might be said under this head, I will only call your attention to a few of the things which have come under my observation during the year.

A few of the lodges of this jurisdiction have held lodges of sorrow during the year. I believe that every lodge should hold some form of memorial service in memory of their departed members. It will be a source of satisfaction to the family and friends of each deceased brother, and all will derive good from such services.

In the organization of new lodges too much care cannot be taken to see that the officers are proficient in the secret work and understand the laws governing the craft. I believe that each lodge should be required to secure the services of a District Lecturer to visit them and certify to the Grand Master that they are proficient before a dispensation is issued.

The printed Proceedings of the sessions of the Grand Lodge should be read in every lodge of this jurisdiction as soon after they are received as possible. The brethren will derive much needed information from such a practice and the intent of the law will be complied with.

In order to further aid the splendid work the Grand Lodge Library is doing in furnishing books to the lodges, I believe a few small circulating libraries in suitable cases should be provided and these sent to lodges making a request for them without expense.

At different times during the year rumors have reached me to the effect that ciphers have been used in the lodge room and that more than one candidate had been given the work at one time. I desire to call your attention to the fact that in all instances of this kind the law of the Grand Lodge has been openly violated, and if officially reported to the Grand Master he would have been compelled to arrest the jewel of the Master of the offending lodge.

There is a mistaken idea among many people, both Masons and profanes, that a man is not much of a Mason who has only taken the first three degrees. So widespread is this idea that a seeker for Masonic degrees immediately inquires the cost of the higher degrees. It should be impressed upon the mind of every Entered Apprentice that it is not degrees that make a Mason, and whether a man's Masonic pedigree is three or thirty-three, he will never be much of a Mason until he embodies in his heart and soul the principles of genuine Symbolic Masonry.

If each Master would invite the members of his lodge to learn the work and when they become proficient give them an opportunity to take part in the actual work of the lodge, they will find it will greatly increase the interest among the members. It should be borne in mind that any member is eligible to do work in any station, whether an officer or not.

While there is an Eastern Star Chapter in a majority of the cities and towns of the state, there are still a number of places where Order of Eastern Star Chapters should be or-

ganized. Without exception they prove a great help to Masonry—lodge rooms are better kept—the social side of lodge life is improved—a more refined air prevails, and Masonry occupies a higher plane than it did before the Chapter was started—and if the members of some of the weak and indifferent lodges of the state would aid their wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters in the organization of an Order of the Eastern Star Chapter they would be both surprised and delighted at the happy results that would follow.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

When I was called to this exalted position one year ago I accepted it with a grateful appreciation and with a deep sense of responsibility. I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the Grand and Past Grand Officers for their uniform kindness and courtesies and to the officers and members of the subordinate lodges who have so kindly extended courtesies to me during the year.

While in attendance at the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, which met in my home city of Waterloo, on October 9, 1908, I was formally received by and introduced to that distinguished body of Masons as the representative of this Grand Lodge.

This action on the part of the Royal craft is evidence of the cordial and fraternal feeling existing between Capitular and Symbolic Masonry in Iowa.

I would be derelict in my duty as Grand Master if I did not mention the splendid services rendered by the Grand Secretary in carrying on the work of his office. Every detail of the work is performed promptly and intelligently, and I seriously doubt if a more competent or painstaking Secretary can be found in any Grand Jurisdiction than we have in Iowa.

I also extend to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence my thanks for the assistance they have given me. Brethren, I want to express to each of you my gratitude for the many evidences of friendship and esteem manifested by the Masons of Iowa during the years I have been a member of this Grand

Lodge, and to assure you that it is appreciated and will never be forgotten. Although the requirements of the office have been exacting and have taken more than half of my time, if I have been able to further the interests of the fraternity in this state I shall feel myself well repaid.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, the time is approaching when I must yield the gavel of authority to another, and let me bespeak for him the same loyal support and fraternal treatment you have accorded to me. I am sure that he will be able to do more for the craft in Iowa than I have done, and I ask you to give him all the assistance in your power that the greatest possible good may be accomplished and every member of the craft derive a personal benefit from the teachings and tenets of the fraternity.

Let us think of what Freemasonry has done for humanity during the centuries of the past; how it has outlived all other organizations, and comes down to the twentieth century with the light of eternal youth upon its brow. But we easily know to what its wonderful vitality is to be ascribed. It is to the sublime lessons it has always taught; to the lofty ideals it has always set up before its votaries; to the eternal principles it has always inculcated, and to the superior manhood these principles have always attracted to the order. The natural impulses of the soul in its conception of moral obligation of right and wrong are the underlying principles upon which the magnificent structure of Freemasonry stands.

Masonry responds to the natural beatings of the human heart in its aspirations for fraternal fellowship and the development of higher impulses of man's better nature, and with its virtues and tenets of morality, its teachings of patriotism, brotherly love, relief and truth, it is the noblest factor time has ever produced for the moulding of the character of man.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. MARTIN,

Grand Master.

WATERLOO, IOWA, May 20, 1909, A. L. 5909.

APPENDIX A.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa:

I submit herewith a list of the lodges officially visited by me during the year, and in order that the visits may be more easily understood, I give the list by towns instead of by the names of the lodges:

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| West Liberty. | Fayette. | Gladbrook. |
| Fort Dodge. | Edgewood. | Eldora. |
| Springville. | Manchester. | Union. |
| Jesup. | Iowa Falls. | Clarion. |
| Oelwein. | Charles City. | Carroll. |
| Earlville. | La Porte. | Rockwell City. |
| Eldora. | Indianola. | Lohrville. |
| Bristow. | Winterset. | Mapleton. |
| Osceola. | Grinnell. | Lake City. |
| Clarinda. | Hazleton. | Clinton. |
| Red Oak. | Council Bluffs. | Cedar Rapids. |
| Chartion. | Davenport. | Nashua. |
| Creston. | Iowa City. | Marshalltown. |
| Des Moines. | Cedar Falls. | Cedar Falls. |
| Cedar Rapids. | Dows. | |
| Arlington. | Reinbeck. | |

I carried a stereopticon and views with me, and in a majority of the lodges visited delivered the monitorial lecture.

In addition to the above I attended three Masonic funerals, visited the Grand Lodge Library at Cedar Rapids five different times, and attended one meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge; attended Masonic picnics, reunions, and other Masonic gatherings. I also visited seven lodges outside of the state, and received numerous invitations to visit the Grand Lodges of sister jurisdictions, but was unable to find time to attend.

During the year I traveled over seven thousand miles in the interests of the fraternity, and have written about fifteen hundred personal letters to the officers and members of the lodges of the jurisdiction. I have tried to give every detail of the work prompt and courteous attention at all times, and my relations with the craft has been uniformly pleasant during my entire term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. MARTIN, *Grand Master.*

WATERLOO, IOWA, May 20, 1909.

APPENDIX B.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, May 1, 1909.

P. J. Martin, Grand Master of Iowa, A. F. & A. M.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—On behalf of the Board of Custodians I beg leave to submit the following report as to instruction in the ritual during the year 1908-09:

The Board met at Cedar Rapids the last of September, 1908, and made arrangements for holding the usual Schools of Instruction, as provided by the Code. In accordance with those arrangements the following circular was sent to each lodge in the jurisdiction:

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS, A. F. & A. M., IN IOWA.

O. N. WAGLEY, *Chairman*, Newton, Iowa.

CHAS. T. GRANGER, P. G. M., Waukon, Iowa.

CHAS. C. CLARK, P. G. M., *Secretary*, Burlington, Iowa.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

BURLINGTON, IOWA, November 25, 1908.

To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Particular Lodges, A. F. & A. M., under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa:

BRETHREN:—Pursuant to law and an order of the Board of Custodians made at a meeting held by them in Cedar Rapids, September 28, 1908, the Board has arranged to hold during the current year the customary Schools of Instruction in the standard work and lectures.

We again call the earnest attention of the craft to the importance of the instruction thus furnished. The aim of the Board has been to distribute the schools so as to cover the largest amount of territory and to do the greatest good to the greatest number. This year a number of the places selected have never before been favored with a school, and the sphere of instruction is thus constantly widening. In each place we desire and must have the hearty co-operation and assistance of the local brethren. The success of any school will necessarily depend upon the members of the craft in the particular place, as the instructor sent will be fully qualified to give the most accurate instruction in the best manner.

The number of District Lecturers has now increased to sixty-three. All of them have passed a rigid examination and are believed by the Board to be entirely accurate in the wording of the work and lectures.

The following brethren hold commissions:

| | <i>Dist. No.</i> | | <i>Dist. No.</i> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Franklin M. West, Sumner..... | 1 | L. H. Warren, Des Moines..... | 12 |
| Max Katz, Osage..... | 2 | Wm. Woodburn, Des Moines.... | 12 |
| J. A. Douglass, Osage..... | 2 | Chas. W. Kendall, Des Moines.. | 12 |
| Arthur J. Walsmith, Sheldon.... | 4 | Thomas Kendall, Des Moines.... | 12 |
| M. E. Patterson, Correctionville | 5 | Herbert Durand, Des Moines.... | 12 |
| W. M. Dean, Lake View..... | 5 | J. A. West, Des Moines..... | 12 |
| Fred W. Walsmith, Sioux City.. | 5 | I. T. DeSilva, Des Moines..... | 12 |
| H. J. Whitcomb, Gilmore City.. | 6 | R. F. Wood, Adel..... | 12 |
| Ed. B. Pritchard, Alden..... | 6 | H. C. Jones, Boone..... | 12 |
| C. D. Becker, Waterloo..... | 7 | Geo. L. Garton, Des Moines.... | 12 |
| Frank A. Lee, Waverly..... | 7 | N. P. Sommers, Van Meter..... | 12 |
| Fred L. Bills, Davenport..... | 9 | Jas. L. Platt, Jr., Van Meter.... | 12 |
| E. L. Ketterman, Urbana..... | 10 | J. M. Graham, Des Moines..... | 12 |
| Sam'l H. Watson, Blairston..... | 10 | Will A. Luge, Des Moines..... | 12 |
| J. N. Shoop, Maxwell..... | 11 | Lewis W. Clayton, Van Meter.. | 12 |
| Peter Joor, Maxwell..... | 11 | J. B. Yeager, Des Moines..... | 12 |
| Cyrus H. Shaw, Marshalltown.. | 11 | Harry T. Pearn, Van Meter.... | 12 |
| P. E. VanHoesen, Des Moines.... | 12 | Jerry VanHoesen, Des Moines.. | 12 |
| Thos. A. Hallet, Des Moines.... | 12 | Wm. H. Cartmell, Woodward.. | 12 |
| F. L. VanHoesen, Des Moines.... | 12 | E. M. Crosswait, Earlham..... | 12 |
| T. F. Stevenson, Des Moines.... | 12 | J. H. Halford, Manning..... | 13 |
| L. M. Garrett, Des Moines..... | 12 | Geo. W. Lipe, Council Bluffs.... | 14 |

| | Dist. No. | | Dist. No. |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| James C. Madsen, Neola..... | 14 | George Brooks, Greenfield..... | 20 |
| M. Matson, Neola..... | 14 | Harry A. Smith, Greenfield..... | 20 |
| Frank W. Perry, McClelland.... | 14 | John A. Barr, Greenfield..... | 20 |
| Charles C. Hunt, Montezuma.... | 15 | M. H. Sears, Creston..... | 20 |
| Geo. A. Riemcke, Muscatine.... | 16 | Frank E. Green, Greenfield..... | 20 |
| F. B. Whitaker, Hillsboro..... | 17 | R. B. Oldham, Greenfield..... | 20 |
| Hugh W. Hughes, Burlington.... | 17 | J. B. Brandon, Greenfield..... | 20 |
| T. P. Bence, Bloomfield..... | 18 | Thos. E. Powers, Clarinda..... | 21 |
| Chas. I. Percival, Bonaparte.... | 18 | Wm. C. Phillips, Clarinda..... | 21 |
| J. E. Brooks, Greenfield..... | 20 | | |

Most of the instructors can spend some time in holding private schools within their separate districts. Should any lodge desire such a school, the expense will be the per diem of \$3.00 and in addition railroad fare and hotel bills. Many private schools have been held in past years with the most beneficial results, and the Board will be very much pleased to have the number largely increased. Preferably they should be held after the holding of the district school, as in that way the brethren can check up their errors and attain the greatest degree of proficiency.

An examination of candidates for commissions as District Lecturers will be held at Des Moines on January 18 and 19, 1909. All candidates are requested to notify the Secretary or chairman of the Board several days in advance of the intention to take the examination so that proper arrangements may be made. Should there be other candidates ready at a different time the Board will endeavor to make arrangements for the holding of further examinations.

The Board bespeaks for the several instructors sent the hearty co-operation of the local brethren. It is desirable that the local lodge shortly prior to the meeting send invitations to all the lodges within the district.

Schools will be held at the following times and places and the craft will bear in mind that under the law it is the duty of the lodge to send either its Master or a representative:

| Dist. No. | Place and Time. | Lodges Numbered. | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1 | FREDERICKSBURG, January 14, 15, and 16. | 66 | 69 | 70 | 72 | 90 | 130 | 135 |
| | CRESCO, March 4, 5, and 6. | 144 | 150 | 154 | 160 | 172 | 181 | 202 |
| | NEW HAMPTON, March 8, 9, and 10. | 204 | 214 | 237 | 248 | 274 | 316 | 333 |
| | | 351 | 374 | 395 | 510 | 518 | 542 | 567 |
| 2 | HAMPTON, January 25, 26, and 27. | 102 | 129 | 141 | 145 | 191 | 210 | 211 |
| | CLEAR LAKE, January 28, 29, and 30. | 213 | 241 | 250 | 251 | 266 | 294 | 319 |
| | | 323 | 326 | 426 | 488 | 528 | 557 | |
| 3 | EMMETSBURG, January 11, 12, and 13. | 205 | 312 | 329 | 399 | 424 | 431 | 447 |
| | BURT, January 14, 15, and 16. | 482 | 487 | 503 | 514 | 533 | 538 | 540 |
| | CORWITH, February 15, 16, and 17. | 553 | 570 | 600 | Sunset | U. D. | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | OCHEYEDAN, January 25, 26, and 27. | 322 | 331 | 347 | 376 | 406 | 419 | 427 |
| | ALTON, January 28, 29, and 30. | 456 | 477 | 495 | 496 | 499 | 525 | 527 |
| | | 536 | 537 | 552 | 560 | 599 | | |

| Dist. No. | Place and Time. | Lodges Numbered. | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 5 | SAC CITY, February 8, 9, and 10. SCHALLER, March 1, 2, and 3. | 103 | 178 | 223 | 289 | 307 | 309 | 332 |
| | | 377 | 387 | 390 | 398 | 404 | 408 | 434 |
| | | 446 | 457 | 462 | 463 | 470 | 471 | 474 |
| | | 502 | 508 | 517 | 521 | 532 | 550 | 562 |
| | | 578 | 598 | | | | | |
| 6 | WEBSTER CITY, Februaury 1, 2, and 3. POCAHONTAS, February 4, 5, and 6. | 111 | 176 | 192 | 195 | 240 | 325 | 366 |
| | | 384 | 425 | 428 | 429 | 432 | 464 | 467 |
| | | 468 | 475 | 478 | 506 | 519 | 531 | 547 |
| | | 565 | 566 | 572 | 579 | 583 | 587 | 589 |
| | | 597 | 601 | | | | | |
| 7 | JANESVILLE, January 11, 12, and 13. GRUNDY CENTER, February 1, 2, and 3. | 65 | 87 | 94 | 105 | 116 | 131 | 148 |
| | | 216 | 219 | 222 | 261 | 334 | 340 | 350 |
| | | 393 | 394 | 417 | 472 | 498 | 511 | 546 |
| | | 593 | 594 | | | | | |
| 8 | MONTICELLO, January 7, 8, and 9. FARLEY, January 25, 26, and 27. MANCHESTER, January 28, 29, and 30. | | | | | | | |
| | | 3 | 49 | 51 | 67 | 125 | 127 | 147 |
| | | 165 | 173 | 187 | 225 | 286 | 551 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | MAQUOKETA, January 21, 22, and 23. LYONS, February 22, 23, and 24. | 34 | 36 | 37 | 44 | 60 | 93 | 100 |
| | | 184 | 169 | 208 | 221 | 255 | 281 | 324 |
| | | 330 | 556 | 603 | | | | |
| 10 | MARION, January 11, 12, and 13. WYOMING, January 25, 26, and 27. OLIN, February 25, 26, and 27. | 6 | 25 | 46 | 62 | 81 | 112 | 139 |
| | | 142 | 155 | 164 | 175 | 199 | 200 | 206 |
| | | 263 | 284 | 362 | 364 | 421 | 435 | 500 |
| | | 501 | 523 | 548 | 574 | | | |
| 11 | CONRAD, February 8, 9, and 10. HUBBARD, February 22, 23, and 24. | 99 | 108 | 113 | 117 | 118 | 174 | 203 |
| | | 254 | 262 | 268 | 273 | 276 | 292 | 338 |
| | | 352 | 436 | 455 | 466 | 469 | 486 | 497 |
| | | 513 | 520 | 561 | 564 | 575 | 576 | 581 |
| | | 602 | | | | | | |
| 12 | DES MOINES, Jan. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23. PERRY, February 8, 9, and 10. CAMBRIDGE, March 1, 2, and 3. | 22 | 43 | 53 | 59 | 79 | 80 | 83 |
| | | 110 | 115 | 121 | 123 | 128 | 158 | 159 |
| | | 190 | 194 | 218 | 233 | 249 | 256 | 258 |
| | | 280 | 283 | 293 | 299 | 303 | 304 | 308 |
| | | 313 | 315 | 339 | 356 | 357 | 368 | 370 |
| | | 389 | 407 | 409 | 411 | 448 | 452 | 454 |
| | | 465 | 473 | 509 | 529 | 563 | 568 | 573 |
| | | 577 | 585 | 591 | 592 | | | |
| 13 | DENISON, February 1, 2, and 3. CARROLL, February 22, 23, and 24. | 197 | 201 | 244 | 264 | 321 | 342 | 349 |
| | | 369 | 392 | 402 | 422 | 441 | 444 | 450 |
| | | 451 | 476 | 507 | 543 | 578 | 580 | 586 |
| | | 595 | | | | | | |
| 14 | ANITA, January 25, 26, and 27. MISSOURI VALLEY, February 25, 26, and 27. | 58 | 71 | 126 | 232 | 234 | 259 | 271 |
| | | 297 | 335 | 371 | 380 | 382 | 400 | 401 |
| | | 415 | 420 | 423 | 430 | 449 | 490 | 492 |
| | | 544 | 559 | 569 | 582 | | | |

| Dist. No. | Place and Time. | Lodges Numbered. | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 15 | THORNBURG, January 18, 19, and 20. HEDRICK, January 21, 22, and 23. | 18 | 38 | 52 | 55 | 61 | 74 | 106 |
| | | 124 | 146 | 163 | 182 | 185 | 227 | 229 |
| | | 236 | 260 | 277 | 311 | 330 | 336 | 342 |
| | | 353 | 388 | 442 | 485 | 491 | 512 | 524 |
| | | 530 | 575 | 584 | | | | |
| 16 | WELLMAN, January 11, 12, and 13. VICTOR, January 14, 15, and 16. | 2 | 4 | 11 | 24 | 95 | 96 | 114 |
| | | 122 | 149 | 167 | 168 | 188 | 231 | 238 |
| | | 287 | 290 | 381 | 391 | 445 | 479 | 516 |
| | | 535 | 549 | | | | | |
| 17 | KEOKUK, February 4, 5, and 6. SALEM, February 11, 12, and 13. | 1 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 17 | 26 |
| | | 27 | 28 | 29 | 45 | 48 | 68 | 120 |
| | | 107 | 136 | 207 | 226 | 235 | 245 | 318 |
| | | 365 | 440 | 541 | 545 | | | |
| 18 | MILTON, February 15, 16, and 17. FAIRFIELD, February 18, 19, and 20. | 10 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 21 | 40 | 42 |
| | | 50 | 56 | 73 | 86 | 104 | 119 | 198 |
| | | 217 | 252 | 269 | 317 | 358 | 413 | 461 |
| | | 480 | 504 | 505 | 526 | 588 | 596 | |
| 19 | CORYDON, January 21, 22, and 23. GARDEN GROVE, February 15, 16, and 17. OSCEOLA, February 18, 19, and 20. | 63 | 77 | 78 | 91 | 109 | 152 | 170 |
| | | 183 | 189 | 193 | 212 | 228 | 301 | 344 |
| | | 355 | 372 | 375 | 410 | 414 | 437 | 438 |
| | | 443 | 483 | 554 | 571 | | | |
| 20 | BLOCKTON, January 11, 12, and 13. CORNING, January 14, 15, and 16. THAYER, March 1, 2, and 3. | 138 | 151 | 156 | 179 | 215 | 275 | 320 |
| | | 343 | 348 | 354 | 386 | 396 | 458 | 459 |
| | | 484 | 515 | 522 | 539 | 555 | 558 | 590 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | RED OAK, February 8, 9, and 10. FARRAGUT, February 11, 12, and 13. | 137 | 140 | 153 | 162 | 253 | 270 | 285 |
| | | 300 | 341 | 360 | 373 | 378 | 379 | 405 |
| | | 412 | 439 | 453 | 481 | 493 | | |

Fraternally yours,

O. N. WAGLEY, *Chairman*,
C. T. GRANGER,
CHAS. C. CLARK, *Secretary*,
Board of Custodians.

Most of the places selected have already petitioned for schools, and the other appointments were filled with due reference to convenience of access and lack of former instruction. The school at Des Moines was in charge of one of the Custodians, O. N. Wagley, assisted at the latter end by Brother T. A. Hallett; all the other schools were conducted by experienced District Lecturers, and from the reports sent in, it is apparent that good work was done in all cases, and in many of them the most satisfactory results were attained.

The Board has tried with excellent success a method of visitation of individual lodges by District Lecturers within their districts. We

find that interest in all lodge matters is stimulated by such visitation, and are in hopes of further extending the experiment during the coming year.

One object of the schools has been largely attained. This was the large extension of accurate knowledge of the ritual. Nearly every district is now represented among the lecturers, and the most reliable instruction near at hand is at the command of every lodge. The expense of securing such instruction is so small that the wonder is that it is not more sought. Laziness and a blind faith in a pernicious, utterly inaccurate, misleading, and unlawful cipher are to blame for the major part of the lack of proficiency in the standard work and lectures. Whatever justification for the use of these ciphers there formerly may have been because of lack of authentic and reliable authority has utterly vanished. There is absolutely no excuse for their presence in lodge work. They are demoralizing in the extreme and their use should entirely cease. Some weak lodges have complained that they were unable to stand the expense of legitimate instruction, but in every such case of need where there is a sincere desire to attain proficiency the Board is only too ready and willing to send in help.

As stated above, the main object of the district schools has been largely accomplished. The schools the past two years have been mostly local affairs, and the Board has under consideration a plan of further extension of individual lodge visitation and the holding of less schools, which will require legislation, and the Grand Lodge at its coming session will probably be asked to enact the necessary changes in the Code.

Death has taken from among the District Lecturers Brother C. H. Shaw, of Marshalltown. He was a good man—a true Mason. Handicapped by a thorough knowledge of the ritual as it used to be given many years ago, he earnestly set out to overcome his deficiencies at an age when most men would not dream of attempting such labor. But inspired by a deep love of the order and a keen appreciation of the beauties of the ritual, he successfully passed the required rigid examination and became a power for good work in his district. Such zeal and devotion are rare, and the craft should take his example to heart.

During the year the Board examined and passed as proficient Brother J. C. Lanning, of Van Meter, and Brother J. Clifford Ross, of Des Moines. The number of District Lecturers, therefore, now stands at sixty-six.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

CHAS. C. CLARK,
Secretary Board of Custodians.

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Secretary presented the annual reports of the Grand Secretary and Librarian, together with financial reports of Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, all in printed form.

Ordered, That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred, under the law, to the Committee on Grand Master's Address, and that of Librarian to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library, and the financial reports to the Committee on Finance.



(June, 1909.)

"Labor Omnia Vincit."
(Labor conquers everything.)

"With perseverance, the very odds and ends of time may be worked up into results of the greatest value."

"There is little pleasure in the world
That is true and sincere
Besides the pleasure of doing our duty
And doing good."



OUR Grand Secretary, in accordance with the custom followed since the organization of the Grand Lodge, renders herewith an account of his stewardship for the year, presenting what he deems most important and suggesting matters for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. Reports received at this office show the fraternity is steadily growing. Its prestige and popularity were never so much in evidence as at the present time. Our lodges are enjoying their full share of this prosperity and our membership is increasing at about the same rate as during the past few years. .

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

Early after the close of Grand Lodge the usual circulars were issued to Grand and Subordinate Lodges, giving list of newly elected and appointed officers, together with information pertaining to action of Grand Lodge on matters of importance, amendments to Code, information regarding Identification Cards, etc.

PROCEEDINGS 1908.

The printing of the Proceedings being contracted for by the Trustees, the Grand Secretary placed in the hands of the printers, Messrs. Fidler & Chambers, of Davenport, the journal of Proceedings soon after close of session. The usual number, two thousand, were

printed and delivered early in July. These were distributed to the lodges, to the Masonic bodies with whom we are in correspondence, officers, and others as has been the custom of the office for years past. The cost of the volume was well under the appropriation made for printing of same, as will be shown by the financial report of the Trustees.

BLUE CLOTH VOLUMES (PARTS I AND II).

Last year's Proceedings (1908) constituted Part I of Volume XXI. This year (1909) will constitute Part II of same volume. These are bound in blue cloth and are used for exchange with the various Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies who annually send their Proceedings to our Library bound in a similar style of binding.

BLACK CLOTH VOLUME XXI.

It has been our custom for some years past every two years to bind one hundred copies in black cloth which are distributed to the leading state and national libraries at home and abroad, such as the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, the Imperial Library of Japan, and to all prominent libraries of the world to whom former volumes have been sent. It will be necessary for the Finance Committee to make an appropriation to cover cost of printing of title page, index, binding, and distribution of this volume.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (1908-09) BY GRAND MASTER MARTIN (2).

But two dispensations to form new lodges have been granted this year, as shown by report of Grand Master. The usual instructions for starting the lodge to work were issued, and copies of Proceedings, Code, Book of Ceremonies, etc., furnished to the lodges. In order that there may be no discrepancy in keeping trace of the membership of these new lodges, we present herewith tables showing names of petitioners, lodge from which the brethren demitted, with dates of demit, together with information regarding granting of dispensations.

The dispensation of Sunset Lodge, U. D., at Royal, was continued from last year. Transcripts and returns from all three of these lodges have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, who will report thereon at this session of Grand Lodge.

February 22, 1909, Golden Sheaf Lodge, Rock Valley, Sioux county, Officers: Robert Roantree, Worshipful Master; M. S. Huie, Senior Warden; N. A. Fink, Junior Warden. Recommended by Rock River Lodge, No. 599. The signatures of fifteen Master Masons appear upon petition, and demits filed as follows:

| Name of Petitioner. | Name of Lodge. | No. | Jurisdiction. | Date of Demit. |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----|---------------|-------------------|
| Robert Roantree..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| J. J. Large..... | Rock River.... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| J. W. Jacobs..... | Rock River | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| C. W. Jacobs..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908 ... |
| M. S. Huie..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| W. G. Harkens..... | Rock River | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| A. W. Hakes..... | Rock River | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| Wm. Mathews..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| N. A. Fink..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa. | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| A. J. Schirmer..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| D. L. Renshaw | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| I. E. Eldredge | Giblem | 322 | Iowa..... | Oct. 6, 1908.... |
| H. H. Pember..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa.. | Dec. 7, 1908.... |
| J. F. Schulte..... | Sharon | 287 | Iowa..... | Dec. 15, 1908.... |
| J. C. Vitzthum..... | Rock River..... | 599 | Iowa..... | Dec. 7, 1908.... |

March 20, 1909, Avalon Lodge, Edgewood, Clayton county. Of-
ficers: L. B. Blanchard, Worshipful Master; Charles S. Todd, Senior
Warden; C. B. Madison, Junior Warden. Recommended by Straw-
berry Point Lodge, No. 130. The signatures of twenty Master Ma-
sons appear upon the petition, and demits filed as follows:

| Name of Petitioner. | Name of Lodge. | No. | Jurisdiction. | Date of Demit. |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----|---------------|------------------|
| L. B. Blanchard..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa. | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| R. L. Bixby..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Mar. 6, 1909.... |
| C. B. Madison..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| Kelly Rulon. | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| F. W. Beyer..... | Mt. Hermon.... | 263 | Iowa..... | Feb. 4, 1909.... |
| G. W. Pilkington..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| E. L. Noble..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa... .. | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| F. H. Hatch..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa. | Mar. 6, 1909.... |
| C. S. Todd..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909... |
| M. M. Newman..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| Geo. Hobbs..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Mar. 6, 1909.... |
| A. O. Seward..... | Manchester.... | 165 | Iowa. | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| Geo. Sadler..... | Elkader | 72 | Iowa..... | Feb. 5, 1909.... |
| M J. Weyant..... | Tadmor. | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| I. N. Harris..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| J. D. Whipple..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| C. J. Rulon..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| Fred Weyant..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| F. L. Weyant..... | Tadmor..... | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |
| Erle K. Rulon..... | Tadmor... .. | 225 | Iowa..... | Jan. 2, 1909.... |

EXPULSIONS.

Old Cases.—The only case carried over from last year, 1908, was
that of H. S. Knapp, expelled from Acme Lodge, No. 457. (See page
118, Proceedings 1908.) The correspondence in this case has been
filed with the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

New Cases.—The Grand Lodge is again to be congratulated in that
with a membership of over 41,000 we have at the time of going to
press received transcripts of only eleven cases, an unusually small
number, and but one of these of any volume whatever. All these were
placed in the hands of the committee early in April to give them
time to examine same and be prepared to report upon them early
during the session.

New cases are as follows:

Washington Lodge, No. 26, *vs.* J. D. Ross, expelled October 2, 1908.

Danville Lodge, No. 48, *vs.* Belah F. Wilson, expelled June 13, 1908.

Pleasant Lodge, No. 128, *vs.* A. E. Agard, expelled June 16, 1908.

Occidental Lodge, No. 178, *vs.* W. H. Pettis, expelled February 5, 1909.

Valley Lodge, No. 232, *vs.* C. W. Stoddard, expelled March 2, 1909.

Corner-Stone Lodge, No. 251, *vs.* Dr. J. W. McCray, expelled December 2, 1908.

Cyrus Lodge, No. 338, *vs.* Ingral Erickson, expelled December 2, 1908.

Earnest Lodge, No. 399, *vs.* Wm. G. Moyer, expelled April 27, 1908.

Vernon Lodge, No. 410, *vs.* G. W. McGee, expelled November 6, 1908.

Stella Lodge, No. 440, *vs.* John W. Collinson, expelled December 17, 1908.

Faithful Lodge, No. 448, *vs.* J. H. Runner, expelled August 17, 1907.

CODE—EDITION OF 1904.

The last edition of the Code was that of 1904, since which time amendments have been made to fourteen sections, as follows:

Sections 24, 76, 78, 96, 145, 159, 230*b*, 232, 232*b*, 265, 297, 309, 422, 427½. Copies of all these amendments were sent each lodge, and to all individuals known to have preserved copies of Code, with request to paste in proper place in copy retained by them. Quite a number have failed to do so. Consequently, some of our lodges have failed to obey the laws as amended. The Grand Master, realizing that we must soon have a new edition, gave orders to send corrected copies of the Code to all lodges where we ascertained there was need of same. There remains, therefore, but a very limited number of copies on hand. It might be well for the Grand Lodge to take action at this session looking to the publication of a new edition of the Code with all amendments to date, and providing for distribution to our lodges and to the Masonic bodies of the country.

RETURNS AND DUES.

We take pleasure in stating that by sending out reminders from time to time we were able to secure the returns from all our lodges within time prescribed by law. A part of the Grand Lodge dues was received promptly, yet over a hundred of our lodges sent their drafts just in time to come within the law. A few were delinquent. Their remittances were made, however, soon after time named in Code, and excuses presented. These were counted in with the schedule of dues, which shows no Grand Lodge dues unpaid. As a rule the Secretaries of our Lodges take a pride in making out their reports, many of them being models of their kind, but a few are careless, and their reports are far from correct. We trust, however, in the future these will endeavor to make better records.

In this connection we would add that the returns of this year, as those of last, were checked by an assistant in the office (Miss Donnan), who in doing so, is compelled to give two months of her time to the work of checking up the more than forty thousand names with those of the year previous, and examining every little detail of the returns and work of the chartered lodges, necessitating a correspondence of over five hundred letters.

A full report of her work, covering six closely typewritten pages, is submitted to the Committee on Chartered Lodges, under whose instruction this work is done. We wish that every Secretary might read this special report.

The expense of this work is paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Secretary's office, as will be shown by reference to that report.

Uniform Blanks: While we have no desire to have charge of this work, which has been recommended and endorsed by Grand Lodge, we do realize the great need of uniformity in this respect, as our lodges are procuring blanks from various printing offices all over the state, from dealers in Masonic supplies outside the state, some bearing A. F. & A. M., others F. & A. M., and some using very obsolete forms. Were this referred to our Committee on Chartered Lodges with instructions to submit a set of forms, and when approved by the Grand Master, contract with some good lithographing or printing house for a supply, they could furnish the lodges with fine blanks at prices far less than they are paying for them now, and these could be charged to the lodges and paid for annually with the Grand Lodge dues. This plan has been adopted by some of our Grand Lodges and works satisfactorily.

Monitors: We are frequently requested by brethren in and out of the state to furnish them with copy of an Iowa monitor. We beg to inform all that no such monitor has ever been issued to our knowledge. Our Custodians speak well of both the Webb and Simons monitor, used quite generally by our lodges, but no action of Grand Lodge prevents them from using any other they may wish. It might be well to give the subject of an Iowa monitor, book of ceremonies, and forms some consideration.

The Identification Card has come to stay. A large number of our Grand Lodges are using the same and find them very satisfactory. It has proven the most effective check to clandestine bodies ever tried. It has done more to secure prompt payment of dues than any other plan heretofore devised. The lodges are pleased with it and demand the cards. We do not approve the plan of asking each lodge to purchase these. The Grand Lodge should, by all means, furnish enough cards to enable the lodges to issue one to each member when yearly dues are paid, as is done in other jurisdictions.

Defunct Lodge Records: We have some eighty-eight lodges which have ceased to exist in Iowa. The records and financial books of

most of them are preserved in one of the fire-proof vaults of our building. The Grand Secretary had hoped to take up the work of balancing the accounts in these books and preparing a statement showing the standing of each member at the time the records were surrendered. The duties in the office have demanded so much time that he has been unable to accomplish this much needed work. It should be done and doubtless can be completed at an expense not to exceed \$100. It will well pay, as the records in the office show that over \$1,000 has been received from members of these lodges since removing into the Library building in 1884, while hundreds of certificates of good standing have been issued to the members. Were statements prepared and correspondence opened with delinquent members of these lodges we believe a number could be brought back into the fold and become good and useful members of the craft, who would aid in the support of the fraternity. Does the Grand Lodge desire to have this work done? In this connection we have had some correspondence from members of these lodges holding Grand Lodge certificates in which they state that as there was no lodge convenient to their place of residence they desire to pay Grand Lodge dues and thus have their certificates renewed and not be subject to the disabilities of Section 165. It might be possible for the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to consider this, and, if possible, give these brethren some relief. A list of these defunct lodges is published in table of statistics accompanying our Proceedings.

Record and Minute Books: We would urge upon our lodges the importance of keeping their minutes full and complete, entering in same the dates of the petitions received, together with name and number of lodge from which the brother presents a demit, and make certain when issuing a demit to have it bear date granted by the lodge and not date made out by the Secretary. We have many cases where the dates of the original paper varies a month or more from date given in returns to this office. Keep your register and ledger up to date.

List of Regular Lodges: Some years ago the Grand Lodge purchased of the Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Company, of Bloomington, Ill., copies of "List of Regular Lodges," which were mailed to all our lodges. Numerous requests have been made recently for a later list which we cannot furnish. The above company has just issued a list brought down to date (1909), and write that it will doubtless be some years before another is printed. Should our Grand Lodge decide to procure copies for our lodges they can be had for \$40 for first 100 copies and \$30 for each additional 100 copies.

Printed Reports of Retiring Masters: One year ago we referred to this subject. That suggestion has borne fruit, as this year quite a number of the retiring Masters presented to their lodges in writing a summary of the year's work. One of the most interesting

printed reports coming to our desk was that of Brother A. H. Conn, Worshipful Master of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, of Cedar Rapids, a model in all respects. Copies of this report may be seen and examined by all interested by calling at the office of the Grand Secretary at Kimball House. We trust the coming year a still larger number of our Masters will make similar reports. Experience has shown that the printing of these brings about good results.

Visits to Lodges: We have upon several occasions, in company with our Grand Master, visited a number of our lodges and enjoyed the privilege of conversing with many of their members and of talking to the lodges on matters in which all are interested. These visits we are sure have been productive of much good. We regret that we are so closely confined by the duties of the office that we cannot mingle more frequently with the members of our lodges. We fully appreciate the many kind invitations received and have only pleasant recollections of our visits among the brethren.

Relief Circulars: As our Grand Lodge is a subscriber to the Masonic Board of Relief of the United States and Canada, our lodges are furnished with these circulars giving names and descriptions of unworthy members seeking aid.

If our lodges would regularly file and preserve the circulars they would guard against giving assistance to undeserving parties. We are pleased to note that a number do keep these circulars filed upon the walls in the Tyler's room—others always telegraph the home lodge asking if the applicant is in good standing and worthy before rendering assistance. This we believe is a good plan to follow.

Hall Burned: On the 19th of May we received word from F. C. Hull, Worshipful Master of Marble Lodge, No. 368, at Carlisle, to the effect that their Masonic Hall was destroyed by fire on the morning of May 7th, the lodge losing everything except the Secretary's record book and the Treasurer's book. He did not state whether they were insured or not.

A duplicate charter was issued May 21st, and with copy of Code, Proceedings, Book of Ceremonials, etc., forwarded to the Worshipful Master.

Demits: We have on several occasions warned our lodges against receiving demits with applications for membership until such demits have been vised by the Grand Secretary under seal of Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction from which the brother hails, showing that the lodge issuing same is a just and legal lodge under said jurisdiction. Demits should always give the dates of initiation, passing, and raising of the brother to whom issued, and the lodge in which same were conferred. Many of our lodges fail to do this. One of our Secretaries writes that it should be a Masonic offense not to do so. In this connection we urge our lodges to use a late form of demit, and not an obsolete form as some are doing.

Restoration and Preservation of Old Charters: In our visits to lodges during the past year we have examined several old charters issued between the years 1844 and 1854 and find a number of them have become badly faded from exposure to the light, and from a practical standpoint are almost worthless. Doubtless many of our older charters are in a like condition.

It would seem that some plan might be devised whereby these old charters could be sent to the Grand Secretary's office and a competent penman employed to retrace in India ink the parts which have been filled in.

It might be well to issue some document certifying to the issuing of these old charters which would enable the lodges to keep the originals in a safe or vault as heirlooms.

CLANDESTINE MASONRY.

During the year we have been frequently asked what is a "Clandestine Mason," have we any clandestine lodges in Iowa, and where may a list of the clandestine lodges of the country be found? It is impossible to answer this last query as they spring up like mushrooms in a night, and disappear as rapidly. We, in Iowa, are to be congratulated that our young men are not accepting the offers to receive the Masonic degrees for \$5.00 and \$10.00 and hold membership in a body which can only bring upon them the contempt and detestation of all good men and Masons.

Brother Schultz, of Maryland, very correctly quotes the law of clandestinism as follows:

"A clandestine Mason is one who received the degrees in a lodge unlawfully existing."

"An irregular Mason is one who received the degrees in an irregular manner in a lawfully constituted lodge."

"A clandestine Mason can not be healed, as he has no Masonic standing."

"An irregular Mason has Masonic standing, and it is only necessary to correct the irregularity in his making."

STATISTICS.

The following table may prove of interest to our members showing that Iowa stands tenth in point of membership among the Grand Lodges of the United States:

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|---------------------|---|
| New York | has 779 lodges with a membership of 152,928 |
| Illinois | has 759 lodges with a membership of 85,583 |
| Pennsylvania | has 470 lodges with a membership of 84,341 |
| Ohio | has 602 lodges with a membership of 72,229 |
| Michigan | has 405 lodges with a membership of 59,542 |
| Massachusetts | has 239 lodges with a membership of 52,260 |
| Indiana | has 543 lodges with a membership of 47,353 |
| Missouri | has 593 lodges with a membership of 45,348 |
| Texas | has 764 lodges with a membership of 41,736 |
| Iowa | has 603 lodges with a membership of 41,075 |

That our members may see for themselves the steady growth in our membership and the increase of our annual income, we copy herewith from table of statistics annually published in our Proceedings. If the same ratio keeps up in another decade we will be making a fine showing, both in members and income.

| YEAR. | No. of Lodges. | No. of Members. | Net Increase. | Annual Income. |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1900..... | 568 | 29,328 | 847 | \$ 25,092.75 |
| 1901..... | 568 | 30,324 | 818 | 26,793.02 |
| 1902..... | 580 | 31,693 | 1,165 | 27,846.66 |
| 1903..... | 585 | 33,181 | 1,372 | 28,709.20 |
| 1904..... | 587 | 34,595 | 1,362 | 30,459.55 |
| 1905..... | 589 | 35,729 | 1,146 | 30,806.58 |
| 1906..... | 592 | 36,736 | 1,007 | 31,727.52 |
| 1907..... | 595 | 37,838 | 1,131 | 32,993.74 |
| 1908..... | 598 | 39,504 | 1,562 | 34,280.75 |
| 1909..... | 603 | 41,075 | 1,571 | 35,650.00 |

CARD INDEX OF MEMBERSHIP.

“Plan your work and work your plan” is a very good maxim in this case. This work for various reasons was not begun until March. While both the Trustees and the Committee on Chartered Lodges will refer at some length to the subject, we cannot refrain from expressing our thanks to the Secretaries of the lodges for the prompt attention they have given our request for information along this line and for the very full and complete reports which many have thus far made. This work has been placed in the hands of a very competent young lady (Miss Glick), who has made a very fine showing considering the brief time since the work was begun. No one can estimate the value and importance of this index. No work ever begun in the office has proven of greater benefit to the lodges themselves. It is just as important for a Grand Lodge to have a full and complete Card Index or Register of Membership as it is for a purchaser of property to secure an abstract before making purchase of same. The many very complimentary letters received from officers of our lodges regarding this work is answer enough for all as to the advisability of continuing the same, bringing it down to date, and making as complete a record as it is possible to secure. The adoption of this plan will very materially simplify the making of returns in the future and will guard against many errors which have year after year crept into our reports and cannot help but bring about good results for all. A special report showing work done in this department will be made to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

Loose Leaf Ledgers: In the work of the Card Index we have been surprised to learn that many of our lodges fail to keep a record of the conferring of degrees other than in their regular minutes of lodge meetings. One of the most satisfactory records which we have examined is that of the loose leaf ledger style adopted by a number

of our lodges. The upper part of each sheet is ruled to show name in full, age, occupation, etc. The balance of the page is in ledger ruling for keeping account of each brother's dues. Samples of these pages may be seen at our office during session. This plan enables the Secretary to keep two alphabets in one book, one being the active list of members in good standing, the other the list of those who were formerly members of the lodge. As a new leaf can be added any time and placed in its proper place, it does away with the handling of a large volume of unused pages, and saves looking over an index every time you desire to look up a brother's record. It is by far the most satisfactory and the cheapest way of keeping trace of the membership and finances of the lodge.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The two building and the grounds belonging to the Grand Lodge are today in better condition than they have ever been, thanks to the thoughtful care and attention given same by our Board of Trustees, who have endeavored to place everything in good shape and have used economy in their expenditures. They have not, however, neglected to attend to matters which needed their prompt attention.

The improvements on the Annex, made the past year under their instructions, have been in keeping with the rest of the work about the buildings.

The insurance having expired they ordered same renewed in the same companies for like amounts, and for a term of five years, as will appear from statement in their report.

The large central reading room in the Annex has been nicely fitted up and furnished by contributions from Past Grand Treasurers.

"That the sum of life's true living
Is not what our souls receive,
But the gain that is found in giving,
I steadfastly believe."

A fine reading table, chairs, book cases, rockers, mirror, window seat, and Bundhar rugs have been placed in the room. All the furniture has been finished in weathered oak in mission style. The pictures, bronzes, bisque figures, clock, and all bric-a-brac about the room have been presented by the brethren who have been honored in being made permanent members of Grand Lodge by election as Grand Treasurer.

A fine tablet has been placed over the central window, bearing an appropriate design of the crossed keys, the emblem of the office of Grand Treasurer, and the information that this reading room has been furnished by contributions of Past Grand Treasurers.

A large frame will contain the photographs of all contributors, with date of term of service, as soon as the photographs now lacking are received.

This room is one of the most inviting of any in either building, and reflects credit upon the brethren contributing.

Thanks are due Past Grand Treasurer T. J. Davis, through whose endeavors these donations were made, and who assisted the Grand Secretary in selecting the furniture for same.

CLOSING.

I would not close my report without expressing my thanks to the various Grand Officers, Trustees, and members of our committees for the uniform kindness and assistance they have rendered upon all occasions; to the members of the craft throughout the state, especially the officers of our respective lodges to whom I am under obligation for many courtesies and for the many commendatory letters they have sent the office regarding our work of the past few years. They have ever been prompt to reply to our numerous requests for information. They have been thankful for all assistance rendered, and for all this we feel grateful, and trust that in the years to come we may have their kindly aid and support.

"Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Fraternally submitted;

Newton R. Parvin
Grand Secretary.

CEDAR RAPIDS, May 25, 1909.



(June, 1909.)

"With ceaseless toil the work goes on
Through days, and months and years,
Beneath the summers laughing sun,
And winters frozen tears."



THE Masonic Library has been the means of the Grand Lodge of Iowa being heralded as one of the most progressive Grand Lodges of the country, wherever Masonry has found a foot-hold, and that is as broad as the area over which the sun shines.

In presenting our eighth report as Librarian (being the sixtieth on Library) we fully realize the truth of the old saying, according to the Book of Masonic Law (the Holy Bible), "there is no new thing under the sun;" we however present the old, old story "because we know 'tis true."

We trust in presenting this we may give some features that will prove attractive to some of our members, and in such manner that our lodges may become interested in a like work, for "books are part of man's prerogative," and when he has once made their contents his own, he possesses "inherent rights" which no dispensation can "dispense with," and no "hasty legislation" "infringe upon."

The Mason who upon entering our ranks seeks to study and read—practically applies the truth he has absorbed, and who seeks continually for further light, is the one who gets the most benefit from his Masonry, and not only derives this himself, but confers a benefit upon others with whom he comes in contact.

In this connection it affords us pleasure to state that in all branches of the Library the work has increased and is steadily going forward.

The amount of work accomplished in the Library during the past five years has been greater than in the twenty-five years previous, and this speaks for itself. Those visiting and making use of the Library, even for a brief period, cannot help but realize the truth of this assertion.

We have retained the same able assistant (Miss Scoville), who has planned the work of classifying and cataloging and who has made good in all that she has attempted, and she has attempted and accomplished much.

There is, however, yet a great work to be done along several lines, and it all takes time and hard work.

Seekers after Masonic light and knowledge have become more numerous year after year, and in order to prepare ourselves to render the aid and assistance they desire and of right have reason to expect, we must be prepared to answer the numerous queries presented to us, and place before them desired information.

This we have endeavored to do, not only classifying and indexing by author and title, but more lately by subject. The work has been of untold good to our members, and we trust in due time the card system will be so fully carried out that no one may apply for information upon any Masonic subject which we will not be able to render, and place before them for examination and study a mass of material which will prove of inestimable value to all our members and to the craft at large.

We trust that some of these days a member of the fraternity with a desire to perpetuate his name and memory will furnish the means to publish this information to the world at large in some such manner as "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature." Such a work would be sought after over all the length and breadth of our land as well as in foreign lands, and the revenue derived from it would eventually return to the publishers as a fund for doing further work in the same direction.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

The enlargement of the work for the past year cannot be expressed by words or figures, but can be plainly seen by those who make use of the Library. It is not confined to one department but shows an advancement in all.

In the reference department the range has been wide in the selection of new books, but the decisions were carefully made with the one object in view, that of building up the reference work in the Masonic department. As a result of this about six hundred and fifty-seven volumes and pamphlets have been added, one hundred and four by purchase, five hundred and fifty-three by gift.

We are pleased to report that the binding for the past year has exceeded that of several years, four hundred and twenty-eight volumes having been added. Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Proceedings of fraternal orders, and that of the Order of Eastern Star, all show that a large number of volumes have been brought down to date and bound during the present year, thereby presenting a fine appearance upon our shelves.

By thoroughly overhauling the rare old Proceedings in the attic we have been able to complete twenty or more volumes of early Pro-

ceedings, and have by exchanging duplicates of these received some very rare numbers, and also enabled others to complete their series.

The additional expense of binding these has been more than justified in their increased usefulness in the saving of time and labor in research work, for the work in this department has continued to increase both in number and range of subjects.

The work of the circulating department has been carried on in a most careful and painstaking manner, an earnest effort being made to meet the requests of all parties. The circulation this year has shown a most gratifying increase. "The Library is beginning to come into its own, or rather the people who own and maintain it are literally coming more and more into their own. They are finding that it is worth their while."

When the work in the catalog department was first commenced there was so much to be accomplished at once that we could not undertake more than an author and title index. The subject had to be omitted. This we knew was a grave omission, for no index can meet the demands without it, but the time would come when this defect could be remedied.

This past year has brought us the time, so that we are now making the work complete, author, title, and subject. The first enabled us to hasten the time of getting the books under control as far as author and location were concerned. This added work will give us absolute control. The vast saving of time in looking up references has proved that the making of this addition was a work in the right direction.

This will take time, for to commence a work with over twenty-five thousand volumes before one is no small task. However, every new book and pamphlet is entered completely before it is allowed to go to the shelves, and thus by keeping up all new additions and working each day on back work we will conquer all in time.

Thus far twelve thousand six hundred and eighty books have been accessioned, and during the past year thirteen thousand five hundred cards have been added to the catalog, including eight hundred different subjects.

Some of the Masonic magazines have been cataloged carefully, for it is in these we find our best material. It is often overlooked because we do not know what can be found between the covers. All cannot be accomplished now, but a beginning is made. We are trying to make everything in the Library of the greatest possible use.

The question how to make the most of the pamphlets has been a difficult one, but we feel that it is satisfactorily solved. During the past year many have been bound in cheap pamphlet binders, which makes them easy to handle, and preserves them for future use. These are then classified and cataloged the same as a book, so that it has its own place on the shelf and can be easily found. By thus binding each separately, they can be more satisfactorily handled in the Library and also by those wanting to use them.

The disadvantage of binding pamphlets together can be readily seen when there are three or four wanting material at the same time, and one has everything because he wants one pamphlet in the volume.

PRINTED MATTER FROM GRAND BODIES.

We have received from various Masonic Grand Bodies of this country and throughout the world copies of their printed Proceedings, and in many instances copies of by-laws, books of ceremonials, and much printed matter issued by them, all of which material has been acknowledged with thanks and placed upon our shelves.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

The various sets of the government publications and documents have been kept quite full and complete. Among them are the valuable publications of the Smithsonian Institution, the Bureau of Education, the Bureau of Ethnology, the Agricultural Department, and the Survey of the Territories.

These are all much sought after and good use made of the same by numerous visitors coming from all portions of the state to the Library during the year.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The past year the request for loan of books has been so great that frequently we have kept lodges waiting for months for some of the volumes which they desired because every copy of the work owned by the Library was already loaned out. We believe that the time has come when the Grand Lodge should make use of traveling libraries.

"No thoughtful man can question that it is a supreme concern to provide for our people the best of literature of power which inspires and builds up character and of the literature of knowledge which informs and builds up prosperity. * * * A limited number can buy or hire their books, but experience has proven that unless knowledge is as free as the air or water, it is fearfully handicapped." The Grand Lodge cannot afford to allow even the smallest obstacle to remain between any of its members and the desire for either inspiration or information.

The Iowa Masonic Library was designed to meet this need and the Librarian is always willing to aid all who ask for information or books.

That the members of the lodges may receive the most benefit from the Library and more fully realize that it is theirs to use, traveling libraries of Masonic literature are recommended. For the present we would suggest six libraries of twenty volumes each, these to be composed of a "fixed collection" of books on Masonic subjects, to be carefully selected, and made up of those most helpful. The presence

of a traveling library in a lodge will often be an incentive to special study, and to meet this we recommend six more libraries of about fifteen volumes each. These likewise of "fixed collection" and composed of more advanced works in Masonry.

Those who desire to continue study still farther will be able to supplement these by books from the Iowa Masonic Library.

Since the object of the traveling library system is to increase the use of books, the conditions upon which they may be borrowed will be the signed agreement of the Master and Secretary to pay charges of transportation, to circulate the books, and make good unnecessary loss or damage.

The Library remains in one place three months with an opportunity of renewal for another three months. It must be kept in a public place of business in charge of an interested librarian, and no one charged for the use of the books. In this way, with just the expense of transportation, a small library can be sent to any lodge desiring the same.

This is no new plan, the outcome of which is doubtful, but one that has been found so very successful that many of our states have, in their laws, provided for traveling libraries. You need only to be referred to Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa to see what can be accomplished when the work is once undertaken.

Without this system the Iowa Masonic Library cannot successfully meet the demands which are increasing constantly.

LODGE LIBRARIES.

We have time and again urged our lodges to start a library, and we are pleased to state that several have already heeded this suggestion and they are delighted with the results.

Of what use is it to send copies of the Proceedings, Codes, bulletins, etc., annually to our lodges if they do not preserve them? It is true that many do, but it is also just as true that many do not, as is shown by dozens of letters received at the office of the Grand Secretary. Often when the Proceedings or bulletins are desired for reference they cannot be found or are stored away in some closet where they are inaccessible.

How can this be remedied? Would it not be a good idea and would it not pay every lodge in the state to purchase a small sectional book case, which can have a section added at any time, and place therein all Proceedings, bulletins, and printed matter where they will be handy of reference.

A small investment of from \$15 to \$20 would enable any lodge to have one of these cases, and wherever this has been done the members have found it to be money well invested.

Each lodge should have a copy of Mackey's *Encyclopædia* and at least one copy of some good Masonic history. These would furnish the foundation of a library. The brethren would become interested

and other works would soon be added. No lodge is too poor or too small to commence such a collection. The smaller lodges will perhaps find a few periodicals of more value and interest to their members than a collection of books. We would urge every lodge to subscribe for two or more periodicals and keep them on the table in the Tyler's room, and at the end of the year bind them and place them in the case. In this way their library will be continually growing.

The beginning of a lodge library and the procuring of one of these cases will, we feel sure, add interest and secure better attendance upon lodge meetings, and the brethren will learn more of Masonry, become imbued with the desire for further light, and discover a mine of wealth from which they can draw at their convenience.

LODGE HISTORIES.

Two or three of our newer lodges have reported that they have appointed a historian, and that a brief history has been written up during the past year.

We cannot too highly commend this plan, and we urge our older lodges to see that a historian is appointed and that the work is begun upon a history at the earliest possible date while they have men yet living in the community who are familiar with the earlier history of the lodge. Unless this is taken up at an early date much that will prove valuable to the future historian of our lodges will be forever lost.

MASONIC BULLETIN DES MOINES.

Under the above title there has been published at the capital city of our state seven numbers of an excellent Masonic magazine issued in the interest of the Masonic bodies of that city. This Bulletin reflects credit upon editor and publisher, and we trust will meet the hearty support of our fraternity and become a permanent publication.

QUARTERLY BULLETIN.

We have received a large number of letters from our own brethren and from those of other states, also from librarians all over the country, regretting the discontinuing of the "Quarterly Bulletin." Many of these writers express the hope that it may again be issued in the near future.

Having many matters of importance to transmit to our lodges during the year, we issued this information in the shape of an "Occasional Bulletin" for October of last year and February of this year, distributing, however, only a very limited number and those mostly to Iowa lodges and our own brethren.

During the year we also issued copies of "Masonic Miscellany, No. I," being an address delivered upon St. John's Day, December, 1908, by Rev. John Arthur, Chaplain of Crescent Lodge, No. 25. These have been forwarded to many of our own lodges, and also used for exchange to good advantage. Copies of the same may be had

upon application to the Librarian. We trust many of our lodges will arrange to have this paper read at their next St. John's Day celebration.

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The seventeenth annual meeting of this association was held in our city in October last. Representatives were present from nearly all of the large public libraries of the state. There were also present a number who are prominent in library work in other states, nearly all of whom visited our Library, and many compliments were paid us for the fine appearance of our rooms and the manner in which the same are kept, and much surprise was expressed at the extent and growth of our collection.

In one of our cases in the Library gallery we displayed a fine collection of rare old books, the earliest being that of 1471. Also a collection of finely bound hand tooled volumes belonging to the Library and another collection of hand tooled volumes loaned by one of our citizens for exhibit at that time, all of which gave much satisfaction to our many visitors.

THE CRAFTSMEN'S CLUB.

The Craftsmen's Club at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, was organized three years ago, but only during the last year has it come near its real possibilities.

This club is open to all Master Masons and has among its members professors, instructors, and students of the various departments.

During the past year several valuable papers have been presented and read before the club by Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and by others prominent in the fraternity.

ACACIA FRATERNITY.

There is rapidly coming into prominence an organization known as the Acacia Fraternity, composed of college and university students who are members of the Masonic fraternity.

It was founded at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in May, 1905, and has spread until all over America these college fraternities are being formed.

There are two chapters in Iowa; one at the State Agricultural College at Ames, and the other, No. 19, organized at the State University in Iowa City last April.

The Acacia Fraternity may be called one of the side degrees of Masonry, for though not under any Masonic body, it is necessary to be a Mason in order to be eligible to this fraternity.

The aim of the fraternity is "to bring together men interested in Masonry who are clean, upright, and of good repute, thus strengthening their Masonry as well as assuring them worthy companionship."

The chapter at Iowa City is pursuing a course of study along Masonic lines and has in prospect the erection of a fraternity house, where all members will have their home while attending the University.

These chapters wherever located number among their members the brightest scholars of the institution. Their object being self-improvement by "more effectually inculcating Masonic principles" they are deserving of the moral and also the financial support of the craft.

Both the Craftsmen's Club and the Acacia Fraternity are doing well, and are working together harmoniously, not only in Iowa but in other institutions throughout the country.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The leading members of the Grand Lodge have for years realized what the Iowa Masonic Library stood for to the Masons of the state. In the past the rank and file of our members have had but little realization of its value, either to themselves or to their lodges. In recent years this condition has changed and these members and their lodges have been the ones making the most use of the Library, and have become its most ardent supporters.

The number of borrowers has increased very rapidly and their interest in the Library has grown with the passing years. It is to this class that we look for aid and assistance in building up the Library and making it of the utmost good to the largest number of our brethren.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been making great strides the past years in both its Library and Museum. The Library is one of the finest in all the land, located in elegant quarters in the finest Masonic Temple ever built.

The Museum is under the care of the Librarian, Brother Sasche, and the Committee on Library has made it the most extensive of any Masonic museum in America, which position it will doubtless hold for all time to come.

We regret to state that very little has been done in this line in our Library the past year. We trust some of these days our Iowa brethren may wake up and endeavor to secure contributions for our Museum of Masonic relics, badges, coins, etc., etc. Our collection is entirely too valuable and interesting not to have more attention paid to it by the members of the fraternity throughout the state.

Now and then we read of some brother providing in his will that his library shall be left to some institution, as in the case of Dr. LeRoy M. Taylor, who at his death left his valuable library to the

Supreme Council, A. & A. S. Rite, requesting that a catalog of said library be prepared and printed and his book-plate placed in each volume, and set apart \$500 to carry into effect this provision of his will.

Who will be the first Mason in Iowa to do likewise, or to give us \$1,000 for an alcove to be set apart as a memorial to him, and filled with special works which shall bear his book-plate, or, who will furnish a like sum to have either our great collection of German or French Masonic works bound. Each of these contain over two thousand volumes. The opportunity is here for some one to do a good work.

“We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done today?
We shall give our gold in a princely sum,
But what did we give today?”

CLOSING.

There is so much to write about and present to our members in a report of this character that we hardly know where to stop.

“Every Mason should certainly know something of the origin and history of the ancient fraternity to which it is his privilege to belong, and of the deep and hidden meaning of its symbols, its ritual, and its legends. Much of our Masonic lore is, of course, unwritten and must ever remain so, but by far the greater portion of the moral and intellectual teaching of Masonry is of a nature that the whole world may know. It is in the writings of brethren eminent for their skill and learning that the profound truths contained in these teachings can be best studied and mastered.”

We trust our members may become more and more interested in Masonic literature, that they will take the time to look over former reports of the Librarian, and in doing so gain information which may be of service to themselves and the fraternity at large.

Fraternally submitted,

Newton R. Parvin
Grand Librarian.

CEDAR RAPIDS, May 25, 1909.

SCHEDULE OF GRAND LODGE DUES FOR 1909.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount Paid. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Des Moines | \$ 130.25 | A. F. Cook..... |
| 2 | Iowa | 306.50 | S. L. Johnson..... |
| 3 | Dubuque | 185.00 | L. C. Lubck..... |
| 4 | Iowa City | 237.75 | Bruce Moore |
| 5 | Wapello | 61.50 | John Hale |
| 6 | Marion | 139.75 | F. E. Straley..... |
| 8 | Mt. Pleasant | 123.00 | J. W. Satterthwait..... |
| 10 | Keosauqua | 63.75 | H. E. Duckworth..... |
| 11 | Cedar | 72.75 | F. B. Cobb..... |
| 12 | Eagle | 86.25 | S. H. Johnston..... |
| 13 | Claypoole | 175.75 | E. D. Smith..... |
| 14 | Franklin | 78.25 | T. A. Dunlap..... |
| 15 | Clinton | 158.75 | A. F. Greef..... |
| 16 | Ottumwa | 181.25 | H. P. Colt..... |
| 17 | Salem | 34.00 | E. A. Wilmeth..... |
| 18 | Tri-Luminar | 256.00 | S. R. Crissy..... |
| 21 | Olive Branch | 34.50 | W. H. Reynolds..... |
| 22 | Pioneer | 384.75 | A. B. Chadwick..... |
| 24 | Golden Rule | 30.00 | C. H. Johnson..... |
| 25 | Crescent | 373.25 | A. L. Sylvester..... |
| 26 | Washington | 106.00 | J. W. Morton..... |
| 27 | Mt. Moriah | 66.50 | S. C. Franks..... |
| 28 | New London | 126.00 | J. H. Hobbs..... |
| 29 | Hardin | 67.25 | A. K. Stewart..... |
| 34 | De Witt | 47.50 | A. W. Jack..... |
| 36 | Helion | 125.25 | Fred Gurius |
| 37 | Davenport | 182.25 | E. J. Foster..... |
| 38 | Richland | 57.00 | N. W. Callister..... |
| 40 | Troy | 20.25 | R. B. Parks..... |
| 42 | Jackson | 195.25 | J. C. Henaman..... |
| 43 | Evening Star | 138.00 | N. Bertholf |
| 44 | Snow | 48.25 | J. V. Pollock..... |
| 45 | Crawfordsville | 15.50 | J. I. Holms..... |
| 48 | Danville | 58.75 | Arch McCormick |
| 50 | Aurora | 89.25 | W. F. Edmondson..... |
| 51 | Bellevue | 42.75 | J. S. Becker..... |
| 52 | Lafayette | 104.75 | C. W. Fenner..... |
| 53 | Warren | 104.75 | J. H. Whitney..... |
| 55 | Pella | 32.25 | H. Westerhoff |
| 56 | Birmingham | 20.50 | Z. T. Bell..... |
| 58 | Glenwood | 72.75 | William M. Lamb..... |
| 59 | Newton | 209.75 | F. L. Kennedy..... |
| 60 | Camanche | 47.00 | C. C. Judd..... |
| 61 | Oriental | 149.50 | K. L. Bush..... |
| 62 | Vinton | 110.00 | W. E. Bickel..... |
| 63 | Chariton | 114.75 | Eli Oppenheimer |
| 65 | Black Hawk | 142.50 | James Whillis |
| 66 | Union Band | 19.50 | G. W. Sherman..... |
| 67 | Constellation | 32.75 | F. C. Wilson..... |
| 69 | West Union | 102.25 | J. O. Elwing..... |
| 70 | Clayton | 36.00 | George H. Otis..... |
| 71 | Bluff City | 300.50 | George W. Lipe..... |
| 72 | Elkader | 66.00 | J. H. Hill..... |
| 73 | Bonaparte | 59.25 | H. C. Creswell..... |
| 74 | Eddyville | 59.00 | D. W. Ward..... |
| 77 | Osceola | 78.75 | T. M. Wall..... |
| 78 | Grand River | 74.75 | J. R. Conrey..... |
| 79 | Mt. Olive | 223.75 | A. C. Lowrey..... |
| 80 | Adel | 55.50 | M. A. Loehr..... |
| 81 | Benton City | 45.50 | C. L. Penney..... |
| 83 | Hartford | 59.50 | W. N. Grant..... |
| 86 | Jefferson | 16.75 | A. Hannah |
| 87 | Independence | 101.50 | J. B. Truax..... |
| 90 | Garnavillo | 26.50 | W. A. Kregel..... |
| 91 | Corydon | 64.25 | J. W. Day..... |
| 93 | Lyons | 97.75 | J. H. Meyer..... |
| 94 | Butler | 46.75 | F. M. Russell..... |
| 95 | Mt. Calvary | 115.75 | W. H. Shipman..... |
| 96 | Richmond | 45.00 | U. G. Snider..... |

GRAND LODGE DUES FOR 1909.—Continued.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount Paid. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 99 | Nevada | \$ 75.50 | Sam. S. Statler..... |
| 100 | Western Star | 199.50 | William Lake |
| 102 | Osage | 157.00 | L. E. Hovelson..... |
| 103 | Landmark | 413.25 | M. E. Reed..... |
| 104 | Abingdon | 41.25 | W. S. Hawthorne..... |
| 105 | Waterloo | 552.75 | C. F. Morrill..... |
| 106 | Martinsburg | 46.00 | J. S. Kupka..... |
| 107 | Columbus City | 44.50 | W. T. Brown..... |
| 108 | Marshall | 285.75 | H. S. Laurence..... |
| 110 | Capital | 591.25 | B. F. Stretton..... |
| 111 | Ashlar | 184.50 | H. A. Cook..... |
| 112 | Mt. Vernon | 88.50 | George H. Soper..... |
| 113 | Polar Star | 43.75 | G. W. Renbarger..... |
| 114 | Marengo | 61.25 | R. Van Boskirk..... |
| 115 | Star | 84.75 | S. B. Williams..... |
| 116 | Tyrrell | 104.50 | F. M. Downing..... |
| 117 | Montague..... | 74.25 | N. S. Carpenter..... |
| 118 | Toledo | 82.25 | J. L. Wilson..... |
| 119 | Unionville | 52.50 | F. A. Wilson..... |
| 120 | Adoniram | 17.25 | H. Magdefrau |
| 121 | Panora | 48.25 | A. T. Whitmer..... |
| 122 | Ionic | 37.75 | J. B. Vanhorn..... |
| 123 | Orange | 96.00 | W. A. Lane..... |
| 124 | Lovilia | 50.00 | A. M. Wilson..... |
| 125 | Mosiac | 159.00 | William Zumhof |
| 126 | Magnolia | 31.75 | H. C. Cutler..... |
| 127 | Cascade | 40.00 | W. L. Crawford..... |
| 128 | Pleasant | 44.75 | F. F. Spalti..... |
| 129 | Bradford | 63.00 | G. E. Ellison..... |
| 130 | Strawberry Point | 58.00 | H. W. Scofield..... |
| 131 | Equity | 54.25 | J. R. Royer..... |
| 135 | Bezer | 51.75 | W. H. C. Elwell..... |
| 136 | Joppa | 41.75 | J. B. Kiel..... |
| 137 | Lewis | 61.50 | H. G. Cotton..... |
| 138 | Fontanelle | 50.00 | D. D. McClure..... |
| 139 | Springville | 26.50 | W. H. Pherrin..... |
| 140 | Nodaway | 126.75 | O. C. Greene..... |
| 141 | St. Charles | 91.00 | W. V. Whitten..... |
| 142 | Vienna | 34.50 | J. M. Bartleson..... |
| 144 | Evergreen | 49.25 | J. Boeckh |
| 145 | Benevolence | 201.25 | C. P. Shipley..... |
| 147 | Prairie la Porte..... | 47.75 | F. J. Freidlein..... |
| 148 | Fairbank | 44.50 | L. J. Kane..... |
| 149 | Dayton | 67.00 | M. E. Crossett..... |
| 150 | Cresco | 103.00 | G. R. Story..... |
| 151 | Afton | 105.00 | Theo. F. Shunk..... |
| 152 | Inter Ocean | 30.25 | H. M. Wilson..... |
| 153 | Nishnabotany | 76.75 | H. E. Hawley..... |
| 154 | Waukon | 72.50 | A. P. Bock..... |
| 155 | Patmos | 74.00 | J. H. Onstott..... |
| 156 | Taylor | 91.75 | F. B. Webb..... |
| 159 | Morning Star | 101.25 | C. G. Kelley..... |
| 160 | Clermont | 9.75 | Frank Frisbie |
| 162 | Red Oak | 136.00 | W. W. Montgomery..... |
| 163 | Bellefontaine | 29.75 | J. B. Lyman..... |
| 164 | St. Clair | 33.00 | C. E. Simpson..... |
| 167 | Wilton | 62.00 | I. L. Wright..... |
| 168 | Farmers | 15.75 | W. J. Jack..... |
| 169 | Resurgam | 45.25 | W. E. Lang..... |
| 172 | National..... | 24.25 | W. Q. Adams..... |
| 173 | Burns | 64.00 | J. S. Houser..... |
| 174 | Corinthian | 70.25 | Ira A. Thompson..... |
| 175 | Hope | 114.25 | C. A. Sweet..... |
| 176 | Acacia | 132.50 | George J. Mauch..... |
| 178 | Occidental | 81.75 | Edw. Drewry |
| 179 | Faith | 66.50 | J. B. Currie..... |
| 181 | Great Lights..... | 100.50 | A. F. Barfoot..... |
| 182 | Webb | 100.00 | H. F. Wagner..... |
| 183 | Hiram Abiff | 59.50 | R. J. Workman..... |
| 184 | Zeredatha | 47.50 | M. H. Curtiss..... |

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|-----|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 185 | Tyre | \$ 25.50 | Ernest Witt |
| 187 | Rising Sun | 44.25 | F. A. Irish..... |
| 188 | Naphtali | 32.50 | F. F. Benedict..... |
| 189 | Emblem | 45.50 | W. R. Clampitt..... |
| 190 | Attentive Ear | 28.00 | C. W. Sandy..... |
| 191 | Anchor | 86.75 | C. W. Boutin..... |
| 192 | Masons' Home | 124.25 | F. E. Foster..... |
| 193 | Clay | 35.50 | Bert McCulloch |
| 194 | Fairview | 86.25 | G. C. Kipp..... |
| 195 | Eastern Star | 101.75 | M. A. Burton..... |
| 197 | Charity | 112.50 | C. E. Morris..... |
| 198 | Kilwinning | 91.75 | C. S. Frescolor..... |
| 199 | Lincoln | 33.50 | B. F. Paul..... |
| 200 | Ancient Landmark | 89.00 | A. A. Cole..... |
| 201 | Jeptha | 30.50 | G. M. Parker..... |
| 202 | York | 24.75 | Floyd Finney |
| 204 | Brotherly Love | 57.50 | James Perry |
| 205 | Prudence | 111.25 | S. W. Crowell..... |
| 206 | Keystone | 84.25 | Robert Overly |
| 208 | Trinity | 264.50 | Louis C. Stein..... |
| 210 | King Solomon | 54.25 | G. M. Slight..... |
| 211 | Relief | 88.00 | E. R. St. John..... |
| 212 | Unity | 53.75 | L. H. Rowley..... |
| 213 | Truth | 58.25 | S. E. Hewett..... |
| 214 | Howard | 56.75 | W. J. Lean..... |
| 215 | Concordia | 26.75 | W. A. Wright..... |
| 216 | Trowel | 53.75 | C. B. Gingrich..... |
| 217 | Quitman | 31.00 | A. W. Hesse..... |
| 218 | Preston | 38.00 | J. H. Freeman..... |
| 219 | Fountain | 58.00 | T. T. Roosevelt..... |
| 221 | Fraternal | 173.50 | J. J. Peters..... |
| 222 | Siloam | 29.75 | J. T. Burrell..... |
| 223 | Vesper | 71.50 | W. D. Brown..... |
| 225 | Tadmor | 92.75 | F. M. Hilsenbeck..... |
| 226 | Progress | 35.00 | S. B. Heizer..... |
| 227 | Lebanon | 50.00 | C. L. Zimmerman..... |
| 228 | Fidelity | 70.75 | Bert McCulloch |
| 229 | Gavel | 24.50 | C. H. Williams..... |
| 230 | Justice | 36.75 | J. C. Bottyer..... |
| 231 | Social | 30.00 | C. R. Bauer..... |
| 232 | Valley | 97.50 | L. S. Haskin..... |
| 233 | Champion | 21.50 | S. E. Sterett..... |
| 234 | Silver Urn | 52.75 | R. L. Hale..... |
| 235 | Good Faith | 82.50 | J. A. Baxter..... |
| 236 | Toleration | 49.75 | A. J. Rhoads..... |
| 237 | Arcturus | 33.25 | Andrew Lee |
| 238 | White Marble | 19.50 | Isaac Meyers |
| 239 | Compass | 48.50 | J. R. Strickland..... |
| 242 | Universe | 73.75 | John Ford |
| 244 | Hospitable | 61.50 | T. Decker |
| 245 | Triangle | 57.00 | C. C. Snyder..... |
| 248 | Pleiades | 51.50 | E. N. Hartman..... |
| 249 | Arcadia | 186.00 | U. S. Griffith..... |
| 250 | Verity | 71.25 | J. W. Dawson..... |
| 251 | Corner-Stone | 25.50 | B. F. Ludwig..... |
| 252 | Antiquity | 94.25 | R. McDanel |
| 253 | Jerusalem | 86.75 | G. A. Danforth..... |
| 254 | Lily | 28.25 | W. J. Johnson..... |
| 255 | Emulation | 240.00 | W. F. Ferguson..... |
| 256 | Fortitude | 63.75 | C. Dunn |
| 258 | Jordan | 25.75 | W. Stephney |
| 259 | Excelsior | 193.75 | Thomas McMillen |
| 260 | Industry | 33.00 | Almer James |
| 261 | Escallop | 38.25 | C. P. Bement..... |
| 262 | Equality | 46.25 | F. W. Campbell..... |
| 263 | Mt. Hermon | 241.75 | J. J. Clements..... |
| 264 | Signet | 113.75 | E. J. Pelsue..... |
| 266 | Northern Light | 76.50 | George E. Whitcomb..... |
| 268 | Damascus | 39.25 | F. H. Figert..... |

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|-----|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 269 | Empire | \$ 79.75 | E. B. Hill..... |
| 270 | Montgomery | 79.75 | W. A. Stillians..... |
| 271 | Pymosa | 123.75 | D. S. Eldridge..... |
| 273 | Hermon | 124.25 | J. C. Kibby..... |
| 274 | Arcana | 72.25 | C. L. Grimsby..... |
| 275 | Instruction | 109.25 | W. B. Ankeny..... |
| 276 | Terrestrial | 69.25 | W. A. Cowan..... |
| 277 | Perfect Union | 42.50 | Sam. McKain..... |
| 280 | Meridian | 54.75 | E. J. Birchard..... |
| 281 | Right Hand | 19.50 | T. W. Wheeler..... |
| 283 | Purity | 46.00 | C. E. Ettinger..... |
| 284 | Level | 48.25 | Buel Evans..... |
| 285 | Plumb | 58.25 | Ira W. Smith..... |
| 286 | Square | 39.50 | William Hunt..... |
| 287 | Sharon | 70.00 | H. W. Chittendon..... |
| 289 | Amicable | 31.00 | W. W. Smith..... |
| 290 | Canopy | 45.50 | R. P. Jones..... |
| 292 | Columbia | 38.50 | Henry Yeager..... |
| 293 | Mt. Tabor | 50.00 | F. H. Fitting..... |
| 294 | Rock | 85.25 | H. C. Hamilton..... |
| 297 | Mt. Nebo | 50.25 | G. A. Spaulding..... |
| 299 | Otley | 138.00 | H. P. Ward..... |
| 300 | Tri-Centum | 95.25 | L. N. Wilson..... |
| 301 | Neonhyte | 58.25 | H. C. Van Scoy..... |
| 303 | Rhodes | 63.00 | J. H. Noyes..... |
| 304 | Token | 70.25 | C. H. Berner..... |
| 307 | Speculative | 135.50 | L. F. Parker..... |
| 308 | Operative | 31.25 | C. Hug..... |
| 309 | Jewel | 91.50 | J. H. LaGrange..... |
| 311 | Monumental | 38.00 | John Henry..... |
| 312 | Evening Shade | 118.25 | E. Taggart..... |
| 313 | Crystal | 59.25 | I. W. Quaintance..... |
| 315 | Model | 91.50 | R. D. Minard..... |
| 316 | Cope Stone | 20.25 | John L. Sanders..... |
| 317 | Sincerity | 83.75 | E. L. Stickney..... |
| 318 | Malta | 87.00 | W. W. Lily..... |
| 319 | Bethel | 69.50 | F. E. Blackstone..... |
| 320 | Bethany | 33.75 | F. S. Schoenman..... |
| 321 | Parian | 136.25 | O. F. Graves..... |
| 322 | Giblem | 97.25 | H. S. Martin..... |
| 323 | Sirius | 56.00 | J. E. Bruce..... |
| 324 | Astral | 39.50 | L. M. Halstead..... |
| 325 | Cyrene | 87.50 | E. B. White..... |
| 326 | Alpha | 55.25 | C. V. Cave..... |
| 329 | Twilight | 83.50 | R. S. Carlton..... |
| 330 | Monitor | 45.00 | F. P. Goodjohn..... |
| 331 | Broken Column | 72.00 | G. T. Cottingham..... |
| 332 | Enterprise | 66.25 | E. J. Norris..... |
| 333 | Mt. Horeb | 28.50 | S. P. Moore..... |
| 334 | Emerald | 52.25 | S. H. Knapp..... |
| 335 | Ark | 75.25 | L. V. Pulver..... |
| 336 | Mahaska | 62.00 | K. C. Thompson..... |
| 338 | Cyrus | 58.00 | C. F. Phole..... |
| 340 | Hesperia | 113.50 | F. H. Heppner..... |
| 341 | Mersail | 39.25 | H. McCartney..... |
| 342 | Exodus | 65.25 | F. R. Smith..... |
| 343 | Tremont | 76.25 | J. A. Cless..... |
| 344 | Senna | 23.50 | J. A. Murphy..... |
| 347 | Abiff | 65.25 | J. B. Murphy..... |
| 348 | Right Angle | 51.00 | P. C. Miller..... |
| 349 | Setting Sun | 39.75 | W. L. Spottswood..... |
| 350 | Prospect | 26.25 | J. R. Wallace..... |
| 351 | Standard | 51.75 | J. M. Burnside..... |
| 352 | Blazing Star | 20.25 | C. O. Beadle..... |
| 353 | Adelphi | 53.25 | H. P. Newton..... |
| 354 | Canby | 28.75 | W. B. Emerine..... |
| 356 | Delta | 56.00 | J. I. Kramer..... |
| 357 | Junction | 44.75 | John Maxwell..... |
| 358 | Eleusis | 20.00 | J. E. Reed..... |

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|-----|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 360 | Mountain | \$ 25.75 | B. S. Pendleton..... |
| 362 | Altar | 36.25 | J. C. Burrell..... |
| 364 | Fidelitas | 30.50 | Joseph Holets |
| 365 | Orient | 37.25 | W. W. Moore..... |
| 366 | Radiant | 82.75 | John Tomlinson |
| 368 | Marble | 20.00 | E. J. Yakish..... |
| 369 | Haggai | 41.75 | O. B. Moorhouse..... |
| 370 | Home | 235.50 | R. M. J. Coleman..... |
| 371 | Silentia | 55.00 | S. B. Frum..... |
| 372 | Advance | 47.00 | B. H. Coulter..... |
| 373 | Centennial | 36.25 | George T. Cary..... |
| 374 | Hebron | 116.00 | William Walker |
| 375 | Remembrance | 34.75 | Carter Scott |
| 376 | Mistletoe | 98.25 | G. T. Wolk..... |
| 377 | Kane | 99.00 | W. J. Scott..... |
| 378 | Humanity | 83.25 | J. R. Longshore..... |
| 380 | Obedience | 155.50 | G. W. Marsh..... |
| 381 | Wapsinonoc | 81.50 | D. E. McClellan..... |
| 382 | Frontier | 26.00 | T. J. Lanyon..... |
| 384 | Morning Light | 69.50 | W. Ries |
| 386 | Crusade | 79.25 | C. D. Myers..... |
| 387 | Due Guard | 48.00 | E. W. Oates..... |
| 389 | Riverside | 97.75 | H. A. Noble..... |
| 390 | Lake | 43.00 | S. R. Cooke..... |
| 391 | Stellapolis | 72.50 | T. T. Osborn..... |
| 392 | Veritas | 86.75 | D. L. Freeman..... |
| 393 | Ascalon | 39.00 | C. G. Kaiser..... |
| 394 | Coin | 50.00 | R. B. Ferguson..... |
| 396 | Surprise | 58.50 | L. R. Valentine..... |
| 398 | Wheeler | 65.25 | J. L. Bruce..... |
| 399 | Earnest | 68.00 | H. C. Darland..... |
| 400 | Silver Light | 30.50 | E. C. Stevens..... |
| 401 | Charter Oak | 44.00 | J. R. Aughey..... |
| 402 | Golden Gate | 49.00 | Lee Davis..... |
| 404 | Quarry | 54.75 | C. E. Carhart..... |
| 405 | Emmanuel | 16.50 | G. C. Webster..... |
| 406 | Border | 56.25 | F. B. Parker..... |
| 407 | King David | 53.75 | B. A. Pace..... |
| 408 | Pomegranate | 50.75 | G. C. Isbell..... |
| 409 | Milan | 21.00 | E. Richmond |
| 410 | Vernon | 28.50 | C. A. Sager..... |
| 411 | Temperance | 33.25 | A. F. McQuie..... |
| 412 | Cass | 71.25 | W. L. Roberts..... |
| 413 | Celestial | 32.75 | Lee A. Cox..... |
| 414 | Good Shepherd | 45.00 | Charles B. Rogers..... |
| 415 | Ruby | 43.25 | H. K. Dye..... |
| 417 | Opal | 21.75 | W. S. Montgomery..... |
| 419 | Onyx | 64.25 | P. Velie |
| 420 | Chrysolite | 78.00 | O. L. Case..... |
| 421 | Beryl | 15.50 | O. L. Postlewait..... |
| 422 | Diamond | 46.00 | L. L. Hoffman..... |
| 423 | Agate | 55.50 | J. H. Garland..... |
| 424 | Jasper..... | 39.50 | W. L. Johnson..... |
| 425 | Carnelian | 40.25 | U. H. Rummell..... |
| 426 | Pearl | 29.00 | G. R. Miner..... |
| 427 | Sapphire | 32.50 | J. W. Still..... |
| 428 | Royal | 38.25 | S. A. Beason..... |
| 429 | Gem | 48.25 | F. T. Gardiner..... |
| 430 | Coral | 59.00 | F. G. Weeks..... |
| 431 | Darius | 50.50 | W. A. Simkins..... |
| 432 | Symbol | 50.25 | Ira A. Moore..... |
| 434 | Freedom | 59.00 | L. A. Douglass..... |
| 435 | Zealous | 42.00 | J. H. Orris..... |
| 436 | Olivet | 52.50 | G. M. Stauffer..... |
| 437 | Banner | 28.75 | J. C. Brothers..... |
| 438 | Topaz | 30.50 | L. D. Lillie..... |
| 439 | Crown | 49.25 | H. J. Failing..... |
| 440 | Stella | 117.25 | J. B. Vincent..... |
| 441 | Guardian | 48.50 | T. C. Ford..... |

GRAND LODGE DUES FOR 1909.—Continued.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount Paid. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 442 | Formal | \$ 40.00 | J. H. McCune..... |
| 443 | Jacinth | 20.25 | T. L. McVay..... |
| 444 | Sardius | 35.50 | P. Nelson |
| 445 | Stainless | 44.25 | R. S. Rice..... |
| 446 | Perseverance | 80.25 | J. T. Montgomery..... |
| 447 | North Star | 122.50 | G. G. Gardner..... |
| 448 | Faithful | 57.75 | W. W. Murray..... |
| 449 | Beulah | 49.50 | E. F. Ross..... |
| 450 | Manual | 55.00 | William Metzger |
| 451 | Benevolent | 32.25 | G. L. Arrasmith..... |
| 452 | Tabernacle | 49.50 | M. S. Beck..... |
| 453 | Covenant | 34.75 | E. A. Pace..... |
| 454 | Peaceful | 66.50 | L. H. Ozias..... |
| 455 | Herald | 57.00 | Aug. Warner |
| 456 | Dale | 93.25 | W. M. Wixson..... |
| 457 | Acme | 59.00 | C. W. Brimhall..... |
| 458 | Noble | 47.00 | L. A. Tope..... |
| 459 | Sunlight | 43.75 | Sam. Robinson |
| 461 | Apollo | 38.75 | W. Miller |
| 462 | St. Elmo | 40.50 | C. L. Strohmeier..... |
| 463 | Seba | 69.00 | L. H. Talcott..... |
| 464 | Bower | 129.75 | U. F. Bowen..... |
| 465 | Elmo | 37.00 | L. F. Lofstedt..... |
| 466 | Eden | 33.75 | Andy Hale |
| 467 | Pilot | 60.50 | J. K. Lemon..... |
| 468 | Republic | 64.00 | M. H. Porter..... |
| 469 | Pacific | 49.00 | J. S. Smith..... |
| 470 | Cosmos | 59.25 | J. A. Ingalls..... |
| 471 | Alpine | 41.50 | J. D. Greve..... |
| 472 | Beaver | 72.50 | C. R. Harmon..... |
| 473 | Mutual | 34.50 | G. A. Mickle..... |
| 474 | Burning Bush | 71.25 | George A. Bailey..... |
| 475 | Solar | 44.50 | Malc. Peterson |
| 476 | Sunbeam | 50.75 | A. H. Busch..... |
| 477 | Sioux | 27.00 | A. T. Stafford..... |
| 478 | Twin Lakes | 79.00 | C. M. Randall..... |
| 479 | Triumph | 45.50 | C. B. Butler..... |
| 480 | New Hope | 70.75 | W. J. Pollard..... |
| 481 | Agemo | 31.50 | T. G. Shaw..... |
| 482 | Gloaming | 58.25 | E. A. Woods..... |
| 483 | Ivy | 18.75 | F. R. Jeffries..... |
| 485 | Garfield | 88.25 | D. E. Beck..... |
| 487 | Highland | 33.50 | J. H. Thatcher..... |
| 488 | Arion | 33.75 | Jacob Larson |
| 490 | Craftsman | 21.75 | J. G. Cave..... |
| 491 | Black Oak | 28.00 | L. S. Walker..... |
| 492 | Grove | 35.75 | F. N. Moon..... |
| 493 | Summit | 46.25 | L. A. Baldwin..... |
| 495 | Beacon | 68.00 | R. A. Woodward..... |
| 496 | Rising Star | 64.25 | J. S. Nye..... |
| 497 | Phoenix | 37.50 | R. R. Swallum..... |
| 498 | Vulcan | 34.50 | D. N. Reeve..... |
| 499 | Fulton | 42.50 | George Rau |
| 500 | Rob Morris | 47.50 | T. W. Hawkinson..... |
| 501 | Mt. Hope | 46.75 | George E. Smith..... |
| 502 | Attica | 51.75 | S. J. Oliver..... |
| 503 | Progressive | 37.25 | O. C. Alexander..... |
| 504 | Prosperity | 62.75 | William Samson |
| 505 | Astor | 104.25 | H. H. Gantz..... |
| 506 | Rose | 36.50 | F. T. Peterson..... |
| 507 | Sylvan | 89.50 | A. J. Randall..... |
| 508 | Tyrian | 334.75 | F. W. Mears..... |
| 509 | Adelphic | 117.50 | F. H. Noble..... |
| 510 | Sunnyside | 42.75 | C. L. E. Masters..... |
| 511 | Waterfall | 41.75 | W. A. Kortemeyer..... |
| 512 | Golden Rod | 82.00 | E. T. Whitney..... |
| 513 | Fervent | 34.75 | C. L. Fish..... |
| 514 | Templar | 44.50 | L. W. Balgeman..... |
| 515 | Comfort | 66.00 | Wray Wilson..... |

GRAND LODGE DUES FOR 1909.—*Continued.*

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount Paid. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 516 | Victoria | \$ 41.75 | L. Burris |
| 517 | Laurel | 48.25 | Fred Wells |
| 518 | Silver Leaf | 38.00 | C. T. Schmid |
| 519 | Grace | 51.75 | C. S. Swanson |
| 520 | Unit | 38.75 | Carl C. Webb |
| 521 | Little Sioux | 67.50 | A. T. Prang |
| 522 | Crest City | 153.75 | C. F. Good |
| 523 | Mecca | 47.00 | George T. Main |
| 524 | Firm | 27.75 | W. S. Wilson |
| 525 | Silver Cord | 59.50 | W. M. Roth |
| 526 | Perfect Square | 60.50 | J. C. Wagner |
| 527 | Silver Lake | 20.25 | Aug. Sindt |
| 528 | Maple Leaf | 40.50 | F. W. Church |
| 529 | Active | 46.00 | J. E. Hall |
| 530 | Tennyson | 52.75 | W. E. Lawrence |
| 531 | Oak | 63.75 | Olaf M. Olson |
| 532 | Trial | 41.00 | B. K. Younglove |
| 533 | Emmet | 62.75 | E. R. Stoakes |
| 535 | Abner | 47.00 | William Zimmerman |
| 536 | Welcome | 54.75 | Frank Steckmest |
| 537 | Floyd | 36.25 | John Waldron |
| 538 | Viona | 15.75 | J. G. Kelling |
| 539 | Cypress | 49.25 | R. J. Collins |
| 540 | Kossuth | 53.00 | G. J. F. Vogel |
| 541 | Belmont | 40.25 | H. D. Tade |
| 542 | Windsor | 43.75 | Carl Krueger |
| 543 | Live Oak | 29.75 | B. Vollertsen |
| 544 | Acmode | 39.75 | G. E. Townsend |
| 545 | Federal | 24.25 | J. P. Mathias |
| 546 | Byron | 34.50 | B. H. Clark |
| 547 | Alamo | 33.75 | R. T. Johnson |
| 548 | Trojan | 55.50 | C. O. Ingersoll |
| 550 | Cerulean | 42.25 | S. R. Lucas |
| 551 | Julien | 40.00 | Will Baker |
| 552 | Larch | 30.25 | J. R. Williams |
| 553 | Paradise | 33.75 | F. A. Beers |
| 554 | Pyramid | 15.75 | H. C. Paddock |
| 555 | Circle | 36.50 | S. Yeadon |
| 556 | Harbor | 55.75 | E. T. Housh |
| 557 | Granite | 23.50 | C. G. Messer |
| 558 | Fern | 63.25 | F. E. Dufur |
| 559 | Morro | 36.75 | A. E. Kincaid |
| 560 | Columbian | 23.25 | H. A. Wehde |
| 561 | Full Moon | 37.50 | J. H. Bagley |
| 562 | Weston | 59.75 | L. A. Patterson |
| 563 | Meteor | 20.75 | R. J. Flansburg |
| 564 | Roman | 42.50 | W. G. Lounsberry |
| 566 | Maple | 27.25 | F. C. Mallory |
| 567 | Cement | 24.00 | J. C. Rollins |
| 568 | Madison | 67.50 | S. W. Henkle |
| 569 | Amber | 46.25 | M. W. Davis |
| 570 | Nain | 37.00 | E. A. Smesrude |
| 571 | Fayette | 26.75 | B. M. Russell |
| 572 | Palm | 36.00 | H. A. Brown |
| 573 | Hazel | 30.00 | W. E. Holdcroft |
| 574 | Benjamin Franklin | 44.75 | E. A. Chamberlin |
| 575 | Center | 41.75 | Albert Ball |
| 576 | Kohinoor | 40.00 | Grant Meyers |
| 577 | Gnemeth | 66.00 | C. P. Waldron |
| 578 | Ally | 31.00 | G. M. Goddard |
| 579 | Mural | 34.50 | Lorenz Lorenzen |
| 580 | Bethshan | 28.50 | M. B. Westervelt |
| 581 | Zenith | 25.00 | Joseph Benesh |
| 582 | Volunteer | 47.25 | T. M. Aistrophe, Jr. |
| 583 | Mysteria | 36.25 | S. T. Grove |
| 584 | Integrity | 35.50 | J. E. Sandiland |
| 585 | Ensign | 40.00 | J. J. Coon |
| 586 | Elk | 34.75 | J. H. Johnson |
| 587 | Universal | 35.75 | W. J. Miller |

GRAND LODGE DUES FOR 1909.—*Continued.*

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount Paid. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 588 | Walnut | \$ 57.00 | D. W. Plessner..... |
| 589 | Fountain City | 31.75 | W. C. Knight..... |
| 590 | Iroquois | 40.75 | P. L. Howland..... |
| 591 | Amaranth | 16.75 | P. E. Rose..... |
| 593 | Holman | 28.00 | J. B. Dingsley..... |
| 594 | Solomon | 27.50 | D. A. Sheffield..... |
| 595 | Golden Leaf | 48.50 | F. A. Brown..... |
| 596 | Waveland | 24.50 | F. J. Raymond..... |
| 597 | Nekoda | 29.75 | W. L. McDiarmid..... |
| 598 | Loyalty | 32.00 | W. C. Buskirk..... |
| 599 | Rock River | 21.00 | J. A. Hoff..... |
| 600 | Imperial | 24.50 | R. R. Stockman..... |
| 601 | Acorn | 34.75 | O. D. Peterson..... |
| 602 | Alhambra | 25.75 | G. M. Haskins..... |
| 603 | Cyprian | 22.25 | C. J. Denick..... |
| | Total | \$ 34,531.75 | |

DELINQUENT DUES RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 28TH.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount Paid. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 46 | Anamosa | \$ 130.00 | E. J. Wood..... |
| 49 | Metropolitan | 175.00 | C. B. Trewin..... |
| 109 | Decatur | 47.75 | E. E. Blades..... |
| 158 | Wiscotta | 50.00 | G. W. Curtis..... |
| 165 | Manchester | 133.25 | J. M. Pearse..... |
| 170 | Temple | 82.25 | L. J. Ede..... |
| 203 | Hiram of Tyre..... | 54.00 | F. H. Arb..... |
| 240 | Zerubbabel | 80.75 | C. S. Hopkins..... |
| 241 | Kedron | 22.50 | C. H. Tidd..... |
| 355 | Myrtle | 78.50 | J. W. Lowry..... |
| 379 | Friendship | 75.75 | C. A. Vaughn..... |
| 388 | Central | 24.25 | T. R. Ryan..... |
| 395 | Lookout | 51.75 | G. P. Linn..... |
| 549 | Fellowship | 58.25 | Nye Patterson |
| 565 | Mishna | 60.50 | A. L. Schultz..... |
| 592 | Auburn | 43.75 | J. H. McGuire..... |
| | Total delinquent dues..... | \$ 1,118.25 | |
| | | 34,531.75 | |
| | Total Grand Lodge dues.. | \$ 35,650.00 | |

CHARTER FEES FOR 1908.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Fee. | By Whom Paid. |
|-----|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 599 | Rock River | \$ 20.00 | George W. Lewis..... |
| 600 | Imperial | 20.00 | C. W. Pearson..... |
| 601 | Acorn | 20.00 | O. D. Peterson..... |
| 602 | Alhambra | 20.00 | F. P. Butler..... |
| 603 | Cyprian | 20.00 | C. J. Denick..... |
| | Total | \$ 100.00 | |

DISPENSATION FEES FOR 1908-1909.

| Name of Lodge. | Fee. | By Whom Paid. |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Golden Sheaf | \$ 30.00 | Robert Roantree |
| Avalon | 30.00 | L. B. Blanchard..... |
| Total | \$ 60.00 | |

CERTIFICATE FEES FOR 1908-1909.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Amount. | By Whom Paid. | Ctf. | Date. |
|-----|-----------------|---------|---------------------|------|---------------|
| 246 | Good Will | \$24.75 | S. L. Allen..... | 1082 | June 12, 1908 |
| 484 | Atlas | 14.75 | A. H. Perryman.... | 1083 | June 12, 1908 |
| 484 | Atlas | 9.25 | Chester Dowell | 1084 | June 12, 1908 |
| | Total | \$48.75 | | | |

RECAPITULATION.

Grand Lodge receipts 1908-1909 and payments to Grand Treasurer:
N. R. PARVIN, *Grand Secretary*,

In account with the Grand Lodge of Iowa:
Dr.

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| 1908-1909. | |
| To cash in hands Grand Secretary, per report Proceedings 1908, page 86..... | \$ 44.92 |
| To cash unexpended funds Grand Master Hunter, per report Proceedings 1908, page 87..... | 78.70 |
| To cash received charter fees (5)..... | 100.00 |
| To cash received dispensation fees (2)..... | 60.00 |
| To cash received certificate fees (3)..... | 48.75 |
| To cash received C. G. Greene, rebate on insurance..... | .85 |
| To cash received Grand Lodge dues 1909..... | 35,650.00 |
| Total receipts | \$35,983.22 |

CONTRA.

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| 1909. | | <i>Cr.</i> |
| Jan. 21. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 1. | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Jan. 30. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 2. | 1,500.00 |
| Feb. 13. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 3. | 1,000.00 |
| Feb. 13. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 4. | 2,950.40 |
| March 10. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 5. | 1,650.00 |
| March 23. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 6. | 1,780.00 |
| March 26. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 7. | 1,800.00 |
| March 31. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 8. | 2,100.00 |
| April 3. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 9. | 1,900.00 |
| April 6. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 10. | 2,000.00 |
| April 12. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 11. | 3,000.00 |
| April 14. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 12. | 3,200.00 |
| April 24. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 13. | 3,500.00 |
| April 29. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 14. | 2,400.00 |
| May 5. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 15. | 2,600.00 |
| May 8. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 16. | 2,000.00 |
| May 15. | By cash pd. Gr. Treas. W. G. Newsome, v. 17. | 1,602.82 |
| Total | | \$35,983.22 |

Fraternally submitted,
N. R. PARVIN, *Grand Secretary*.

CEDAR RAPIDS, June 1, 1909.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND MASTER.

P. J. MARTIN, *Grand Master*,*In account with the Grand Lodge of Iowa:*

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1908.

Dr.

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| To cash received from Grand Treasurer, order No. 185, contingent fund | \$ 250.00 |
| To cash received from Grand Treasurer, order No. 206, contingent fund for emergency call of Most Worshipful Grand Master | 100.00—\$ 350.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---|-----------------|
| By cash paid railroad fare..... | \$ 144.90 |
| To cash paid livery..... | 4.50 |
| To cash paid hotel bills..... | 94.25 |
| To cash paid postage and stamped envelopes..... | 26.05 |
| To cash paid floral emblem for Mrs. R. M. Hunter..... | 12.00 |
| To cash paid floral emblem for Cyrus H. Shaw..... | 12.00 |
| To cash paid floral emblem for S. R. J. Hoyt..... | 10.00 |
| To cash paid expense of emergent session, Marshalltown... | 16.75 |
| To cash paid express, telephone, and telegraph..... | 8.60 |
| To cash paid for stenographer..... | 60.00—\$ 389.05 |
| Overpaid and due Grand Master..... | 39.05 |

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. MARTIN, *Grand Master*.

WATERLOO, IOWA, June 1, 1909.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

W. G. NEWSOME, *Grand Treasurer*,*In account with the Grand Lodge of Iowa:*

RECEIPTS.

1908.

| | | |
|---------|---|-------------|
| June 5. | Received from J. H. Thatcher, Past Gr. Treas. | \$37,569.39 |
| | Received from E. M. Willard, amount overpaid on mileage as District Lecturer..... | 17.75 |

1909.

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|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Jan. 22. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | \$1,000.00 |
| Feb. 1. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 1,500.00 |
| Feb. 15. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 3,950.00 |
| March 11. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 1,650.00 |
| March 24. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 1,780.00 |
| March 27. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 1,800.00 |
| April 1. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 2,100.00 |
| April 7. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 2,000.00 |
| April 9. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 1,900.00 |
| April 13. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 3,000.00 |
| April 16. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 3,200.00 |
| April 26. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 3,500.00 |
| April 30. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 2,400.00 |
| May 6. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 2,600.00 |
| May 10. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 2,000.00 |
| May 20. | Received from N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy..... | 1,602.82—\$35,983.22 |
| Total receipts | | \$73,570.36 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

I. Services of Grand Officers.

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| Order No. 180. | R. M. Hunter, Grand Master 1907-8... | \$ 600.00 |
| Order No. 181. | N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy (mo.) 1908-9... | 2,000.00 |
| Order No. 182. | Alf. Wingate, Deputy Gr. Secy. 1908... | 25.00 |
| Order No. 183. | A. N. Alberson, Grand Tyler 1908..... | 150.00 |
| Order No. 184. | Thos. Lambert, chairman Board of Trustees Grand Charity Fund (quar.).... | 500.00—\$ 3,275.00 |

II. General Expenses.

| | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| Order No. 185. | Contingent expenses Grand Master's office 1908-9, P. J. Martin, Grand Master. | \$ 250.00 |
| Order No. 186. | Contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office 1908-9, N. R. Parvin, Gr. Secy. | 500.00 |
| Order No. 187. | Stationery for Trustees, Grand Officers, and committees, Grand Secretary.... | 50.00 |
| Order No. 188. | Report on Fraternal Correspondence, 1908, L. E. Fellows..... | 200.00 |
| Order No. 189. | Grand Tyler, sessional expenses 1908, A. N. Alberson | 34.80 |
| Order No. 190. | Sessional expenses Grand Lodge and committees 1908, Grand Secretary... | 50.00 |
| Order No. 191. | Printing Proceedings 1908, including advance reports for sessional use, Gr. Secretary | 1,800.00 |
| *Order No. 192. | Steel plate, Grand Master R. M. Hunter | |
| †Order No. 193. | Binding Part I, Vol. XXI, for exchange with Grand Lodges | |
| Order No. 194. | Postage and express on Proceedings 1908 | 275.00 |
| Order No. 195. | Postage and express, Grand Secretary and Librarian, 1908-9..... | 300.00 |
| Order No. 196. | Stenographic services (Grand Secretary's office), 1908-9 | 800.00—\$ 4,259.80 |

III. Mileage and Per Diem.

| | | |
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| Order No. 197. | Pay-roll A—Grand Officers at session.. | \$ 302.98 |
| Order No. 198. | Pay-roll B—Committees and Trustees at session | 740.48 |
| Order No. 199. | Pay-roll C—Custodians and District Lecturers at session..... | 590.62 |
| Order No. 200. | Pay-roll D—Mileage and per diem members at session..... | 5,610.60—\$ 7,244.68 |

IV. Special Appropriations.

| | | |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| Order No. 201. | Contingent expenses Board of Custodians, C. C. Clark..... | \$ 100.00 |
| Order No. 202. | Board of Trustees Grand Charity Fund; amount transferred to Treasurer. (See Section 421 of Code). G. W. Ball... | 4,326.24 |
| Order No. 203. | Extra appropriation temporary fund of Grand Charity Fund, G. W. Ball..... | 1,000.00 |
| Order No. 204. | Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada, ½ per cent per capita (39,504), John R. Pope, Secy.. | 197.52 |
| Order No. 205. | Contingent expenses, Grand Charity Fund 1908-9, G. W. Ball..... | 150.00 |

*Order No. 192 not drawn. †Order No. 193 not issued. Funds on hand.

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| Order No. 206. | Grand Master, contingent fund for emergency calls 1908-9, P. J. Martin. | 100.00 |
| Order No. 207. | Surety bond for Grand Treasurer and Treasurer of Board of Trustees of Grand Charity Fund | 125.00 |
| *Order No. 208. | Printing Grand Lodge History, Vol. I (Trustees) | |

Compensation and Expenses District Lecturers.

(Order, \$1,100.00.)

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|----------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Order No. 209. | P. Joor | \$18.05 |
| Order No. 209. | C. C. Hunt..... | 17.44 |
| Order No. 209. | C. C. Hunt..... | 19.32 |
| Order No. 209. | H. J. Whitcomb..... | 20.08 |
| Order No. 209. | F. A. Lee..... | 12.55 |
| Order No. 209. | Harry T. Pearn..... | 24.80 |
| Order No. 209. | T. A. Hallett..... | 14.83 |
| Order No. 209. | T. A. Hallett..... | 21.04 |
| Order No. 209. | Hugh W. Hughes..... | 26.16 |
| Order No. 209. | S. H. Warren..... | 18.10 |
| Order No. 209. | R. B. Oldham..... | 22.00 |
| Order No. 209. | O. N. Wagley..... | 27.80 |
| Order No. 209. | T. A. Hallett..... | 4.50 |
| Order No. 209. | Franklin M. West..... | 34.92 |
| Order No. 209. | M. E. Patterson..... | 16.88 |
| Order No. 209. | M. E. Patterson..... | 19.63 |
| Order No. 209. | Hugh W. Hughes..... | 19.72 |
| Order No. 209. | N. P. Summers..... | 16.96 |
| Order No. 209. | J. L. Platt, Jr..... | 24.01 |
| Order No. 209. | C. H. Shaw | 17.98 |
| Order No. 209. | F. B. Whitaker..... | 30.20 |
| Order No. 209. | Chas. D. Becker..... | 19.63 |
| Order No. 209. | Chas. D. Becker..... | 15.54 |
| Order No. 209. | T. A. Hallett..... | 15.31 |
| Order No. 209. | J. N. Shoop..... | 21.54 |
| Order No. 209. | P. E. Van Hoesen..... | 16.65 |
| Order No. 209. | P. E. Van Hoesen..... | 16.80 |
| Order No. 209. | T. P. Bence..... | 16.64 |
| Order No. 209. | T. P. Bence..... | 18.20 |
| Order No. 209. | E. B. Pritchard..... | 23.04 |
| Order No. 209. | Hugh W. Hughes..... | 17.04 |
| Order No. 209. | J. A. Douglas..... | 17.29 |
| Order No. 209. | C. L. Percival..... | 20.52 |
| Order No. 209. | C. L. Percival..... | 19.40 |
| Order No. 209. | F. B. Whitaker..... | 24.81 |
| Order No. 209. | E. B. Pritchard..... | 26.02 |
| Order No. 209. | Geo. A. Riemcke..... | 17.70 |
| Order No. 209. | Geo. A. Riemcke..... | 22.02 |
| Order No. 209. | H. J. Whitcomb..... | 25.65 |
| Order No. 209. | H. J. Whitcomb..... | 20.37 |
| Order No. 209. | Hugh W. Hughes..... | 34.23 |
| Order No. 209. | Thos. S. Kendall..... | 15.51 |
| Order No. 209. | E. L. Ketterman..... | 16.87 |
| Order No. 209. | Max Katz | 16.66 |
| Order No. 209. | E. L. Ketterman..... | 16.05 |
| Order No. 209. | J. N. Shoop..... | 19.88 |
| Order No. 209. | Chas. D. Becker..... | 16.61 |
| Order No. 209. | Geo. W. Lipe..... | 18.00 |

*Order No. 208 not drawn.

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| Order No. 209. | Geo. W. Lipe..... | 18.75 | |
| Order No. 209. | Geo. W. Lipe..... | 16.20 | |
| Order No. 209. | F. M. West..... | 10.02 | |
| Order No. 209. | Ben Katz | 4.90 | |
| Order No. 209. | J. A. Douglas..... | 4.33— | \$1,009.15 |
| Order No. 210. | Additional appropriation to permanent fund of Grand Charity Fund, G. W. Ball | | |
| | | | \$3,000.00 |
| Order No. 211. | Installation Card System (approved by Trustees), Grand Secretary..... | | |
| | | | 1,200.00 |
| Order No. 212. | Rent of Opera House for Grand Lodge, 1908, J. W. Barry, chairman Local Committee | | |
| | | | 100.00 |
| Order No. 213. | Plumb Lodge, No. 285, refunding Grand Lodge dues, W. T. Allen, Secretary... | | |
| | | 59.50— | \$11,367.41 |

V. Library Building and Library.

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|----------------|--|--|------------------------|
| Order No. 214. | Expenses Library building and Library, (10) cents per capita (39,504), Grand Secretary | | |
| | | | \$3,950.40—\$ 3,950.40 |

VI. Expenses Trustees of Grand Lodge.

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|----------------|---|--------|----------|
| Order No. 215. | W. S. Gardner and Crom. Bowen, expenses | | |
| | | | \$ 21.55 |
| Order No. 216. | Crom. Bowen, W. L. Eaton, and W. S. Gardner, expenses | | |
| | | 28.06— | \$ 49.61 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Total receipts 1908-9 | \$73,570.36 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriation No.

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|------|--|--------------------|
| I. | Services of Grand Officers..... | \$ 3,275.00 |
| II. | General expenses | 4,259.80 |
| III. | Mileage and per diem..... | 7,244.68 |
| IV. | Special appropriations | 11,367.41 |
| V. | Library building and Library..... | 3,950.40 |
| VI. | Expenses incurred by Trustees Grand Lodge.... | 49.61—\$30,146.90 |
| | Grand Treasurer, 1 per cent (Sec. 17, Code)..... | 301.46—\$30,448.36 |
| | Cash on hand | \$43,122.00 |

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. NEWSOME, *Grand Treasurer.*

SABULA, IOWA, June 1, 1909.

RECEIPT GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, June 3, 1909.

Received of Brother W. G. Newsome, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., the sum of forty-three thousand one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$43,122.00), in full of all moneys and securities in his hands belonging to the said Grand Lodge of Iowa.

C. E. NAREY, *Grand Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

N. R. PARVIN, *Grand Secretary,*

In account with the Grand Lodge of Iowa:

PRINTING.

For all matters relative to printing of Proceedings and expenditures under direction of Trustees, see financial report of Trustees of Grand Lodge.

I. POSTAGE AND EXPRESS.

| | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| 1908. | | <i>Dr.</i> |
| To order No. 194, postage and express on Proceedings 1908. | \$275.00 | |
| To order No. 195, postage and express, office Grand Secretary and Librarian 1908-9..... | 300.00—\$ 575.00 | |
| Unexpended last report, page 91..... | 23.77 | |
| | | <u>\$ 598.77</u> |
| | CONTRA. | |
| 1908-9. | | <i>Cr.</i> |
| By cash paid U. S. Express Co., Davenport..... | \$ 66.03 | |
| By cash paid Adams Express Co., Davenport..... | 34.52 | |
| By cash paid American Express Co., Davenport..... | 27.63 | |
| By cash paid Fidler & Chambers, postage..... | 17.67 | |
| By cash paid Cedar Rapids postoffice, postage..... | 50.00—\$ 195.85 | |
| By cash paid U. S. Express Co., Cedar Rapids..... | 31.10 | |
| By cash paid American Express Co., Cedar Rapids..... | 21.74 | |
| By cash paid Cedar Rapids postoffice, box rent..... | 8.00 | |
| By cash paid Cedar Rapids postoffice, stamps..... | 279.16 | |
| By cash paid Laurance Press Co., stamped envelopes..... | 59.25—\$ 399.25 | |
| | | <u>\$ 595.10</u> |
| Unexpended to balance..... | 3.67 | |
| | | <u>\$ 598.77</u> |

II. CONTINGENT FUND.

| | | |
|---|----------------|------------|
| 1908. | | <i>Dr.</i> |
| To order No. 186, contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office 1908-09 | \$500.00 | |
| To order No. 187, stationery Trustees, Grand Officers, and committees | 50.00 | |
| To amount unexpended last year on page 91 of the Proceedings for 1908 | 122.68 | |
| To amount received from sale of identification cards..... | 35.75 | |
| To amount received from sale of Codes..... | 13.00 | |
| To amount received on Memorial Volume..... | 1.50—\$ 722.93 | |
| | | |
| | CONTRA. | |
| 1908-1909. | | <i>Cr.</i> |
| By cash paid for stationery Grand Officers and committees: | | |
| Custodians | \$11.75 | |
| Letter heads, envelopes for committees and Grand Officers | 85.00—\$ 96.75 | |
| By cash paid Alden Engraving Co., cuts and engravings: | | |
| Post cards of building..... | 21.00 | |
| Time of artist | 20.00 | |
| Engravings | 19.07—\$ 60.07 | |
| By cash paid supplies for Lodges U. D.: | | |
| Diploma cases | 4.80 | |
| Ceremonials | 2.17 | |
| Engrossing charters | 4.50—\$ 11.47 | |
| By cash paid printing returns: | | |
| Return blanks | 56.50 | |
| Post card officers-elect, receipt books, return envelopes, instructions, etc..... | 29.25 | |
| Stationery for correspondence | 9.50—\$ 95.25 | |
| By cash paid identification cards..... | 62.50 | |
| By cash paid traveling expenses of Grand Secretary for Grand Lodge | 27.15 | |
| By cash paid typewriter exchange, Smith Premier... | 50.00 | |

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| By cash paid photos of Library for exchange, making cuts, post card views of Library..... | 29.70 |
| By cash paid miscellaneous printing: | |
| Grand Lodge circulars, amendments to Code stickers, etc. | 34.00 |
| Information for lodges, blotters, post cards, slips for Grand Lodge dues, etc..... | 32.75 |
| By cash paid printing, session 1909: | |
| Circulars, proxy, visitors and membership cards, etc. | 55.75 |
| By cash paid office stationery: | |
| Letter heads, envelopes, blanks, bill heads, pads. | 34.65—\$157.15 |
| By cash paid office supplies: | |
| Grand Lodge seal | 4.00 |
| Rubber stamps and pads..... | 6.30 |
| Cushion keys, ribbons, typewriter supplies..... | 23.60 |
| Pamphlet binders | 33.92 |
| Pencils, ink, pens, erasers, paper, twine, labels, letter files, etc. | 61.10—\$128.92—\$718.96 |
| Unexpended to balance..... | 3.97 |
| | <u>\$722.93</u> |

All other expenditures are made under direction of Trustees and will appear with their report.

Faternally submitted,

N. R. PARVIN, *Grand Secretary.*

CEDAR RAPIDS, June 1, 1909.

LIBRARY AND LIBRARY EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

(Expended under direction of Trustees.)

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1908-9. | Dr. |
| To order No. 214, expense Library and Library building, ten (10) cents per capita (39,504)..... | \$3,950.40 |
| Divided as follows: | |
| For Library purposes | \$1,580.16 |
| For Library building expenses..... | 2,370.24—\$3,950.40 |

III. FOR LIBRARY.

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| 1908-9. | CONTRA. | Cr. |
| For Library purposes per division..... | \$1,580.16— | \$1,580.16 |
| Unexpended last year | | 408.93 |
| | | <u>\$1,989.09</u> |

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| 1908-9. | |
| By cash paid new books (46 vouchers)..... | \$ 315.93 |
| By cash paid periodicals (13 vouchers)..... | 81.81 |
| By cash paid binding Proceedings and books (5 vou.)... | 202.80 |
| By cash paid steel filing case and guide cards (1 vou.)... | 68.75 |
| By cash paid supplies (10 vouchers)..... | 103.84 |
| By cash paid publications, bulletins, etc. (4 vouchers)... | 87.25 |
| By cash paid assistance (20 vouchers)..... | 767.50—\$1,627.88 |
| Cash unexpended to balance..... | 361.21 |
| | <u>\$1,989.09</u> |

IV. FOR LIBRARY BUILDING.

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| 1908-9. | Dr. |
| For Library building expense account per division..... | \$2,370.24—\$2,370.24 |
| Unexpended last year | 417.33 |
| | <u>\$2,787.57</u> |

| CONTRA. | | Cr. |
|---|----|-------------------|
| 1908-9. | | |
| By cash paid janitor service (12 vouchers)..... | \$ | 540.00 |
| By cash paid water tax and meter inspection for both buildings (22 vouchers) | | 32.27 |
| By cash paid gas for year, arcs, and mantles (29 vou.)... | | 83.21 |
| By cash paid C. R. & M. telephone rental and toll (9 vou.) | | 49.05 |
| By cash paid Iowa telephone rental and toll (22 vou.)... | | 40.65 |
| By cash paid freight and drayage (23 vouchers)..... | | 30.87 |
| By cash paid fuel for year (2 vouchers)..... | | 440.28 |
| By cash paid ice for year (1 voucher)..... | | 9.00 |
| By cash paid electric fan power and repairs (6 vou.)..... | | 9.95 |
| By cash paid insurance (6 vouchers)..... | | 370.50 |
| By cash paid plumbing repairs and supplies (4 vouchers). | | 7.18 |
| By cash paid new display cases, screens, carpenter work, etc. (5 vouchers) | | 125.75 |
| By cash paid framing pictures (4 vouchers)..... | | 40.45 |
| By cash paid extra help, hauling ashes, and work about buildings and grounds (18 vouchers)..... | | 95.16 |
| By cash paid improvements on buildings, painting, new gutters and tin work, art window, etc. (8 vouchers). | | 207.67 |
| By cash paid lumber, awnings, vault lights, rubber tips for chairs, etc. (4 vouchers)..... | | 16.99 |
| By cash paid repairs on tables, typewriters, clocks, etc. (6 vouchers) | | 31.70 |
| By cash paid repairs on lawn mower, screens, etc. (5 vouchers) | | 3.15 |
| By cash paid plants, grass seed, lawn dressing and im- provements on lawn (7 vouchers)..... | | 27.00 |
| By cash paid rent on typewriter (4 vouchers)..... | | 12.00 |
| By cash paid hardware supplies, screws, rods, ropes, hooks, etc. (11 vouchers) | | 10.50 |
| By cash paid supplies, pads, waste paper baskets, boxes, tacks, curtain fixtures, etc. (13 vouchers)..... | | 21.18 |
| By cash paid oil, turpentine, enamel, benzine, etc. (4 vouchers) | | 3.65 |
| By cash paid supplies, soap, matches, brooms, floor brushes, etc. (12 vouchers) | | 19.82 |
| By cash paid postage due, telegrams, money orders, ex- change on drafts, etc. (12 vouchers)..... | | 17.82—\$2,245.80 |
| Unexpended to balance | | 541.77 |
| | | <u>\$2,787.57</u> |

V. IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| 1908-9. | | Dr. |
| To amount transferred from Library building expense ac- count, balance unexpended last year (see report of Trustees, Proceedings 1908)..... | \$ | 575.97—\$ 575.97 |
| CONTRA. | | Cr. |
| 1908-9. | | |
| By cash paid for chairs (1 voucher)..... | \$ | 20.00 |
| By cash paid repairing and refinishing chandeliers for three rooms (1 voucher)..... | | 9.00 |
| By cash paid mantle mirrors (2 vouchers)..... | | 11.20 |
| By cash paid linoleum floor covering, curtains, etc. (1 voucher) | | 62.46 |
| By cash paid window seat, new thresholds, filling in mor- tices, repairs on doors, etc. (3 vouchers)..... | | 36.50 |
| By cash paid papering and painting interior of Annex, in- cluding three rooms lower floor, painting rooms on upper floor (1 voucher)..... | | 170.03 |

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| By cash paid curtains and shades (1 voucher)..... | 24.30 | |
| By cash paid two floor rugs (1 voucher)..... | 38.25 | |
| By cash paid stationary book cases built into walls front rooms of Annex (1 voucher)..... | 69.00 | —\$ 440.74 |
| Unexpended to balance..... | | 135.23 |
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| | | \$ 575.97 |

VI. PRINTING PROCEEDINGS 1908.

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| 1908-9. | Dr. | |
| June 4. To order No. 191, printing Proceedings 1908, in- cluding advance reports for sessional use, etc. | \$1,800.00 | |
| To order No. 192, steel plate (Hunter), order not drawn | | —\$1,800.00 |
| Unexpended last year | | 285.62 |
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| | | \$2,085.62 |

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| 1908-9. | CONTRA. | Cr. | |
| By cash paid Manz Engraving Co., cover design..... | \$ | 9.75 | |
| By cash paid J. E. Morcombe, writing sketches..... | | 10.00 | |
| By cash paid Alden Engraving Co., cuts for Proceedings (4 vouchers) | | 15.20 | |
| By cash paid Fidler & Chambers— | | | |
| Autograph and two electrotypes..... | \$ | 1.75 | |
| Fifty-one pages tables at \$3.85..... | | 196.35 | |
| 104 pages Foreign Correspondence at \$2.50.. | | 260.00 | |
| 193 pages journal at \$3.30..... | | 636.90 | |
| Cover for Proceedings..... | | 27.00 | |
| Postal receipts (625) | | 9.00 | |
| Wrapping and shipping | | 25.00 | |
| Covers and binding advance reports..... | 22.00— | 1,178.00 | |
| By cash paid Fidler & Chambers, printing advance reports for session use | 150.00— | \$1,362.95 | |
| Cash unexpended to balance..... | | 722.67 | |
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| | | \$2,085.62 | |

VII. BINDING OF PART I, VOLUME XXI.

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| 1908. | Dr. | |
| June 4. To order No. 193, binding Part I, Volume XXI, for exchange with Grand Lodges. (No order issued, funds on hand)..... | | |
| Unexpended last year | | \$ 57.64 |
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| | | \$ 57.64 |

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| 1908-9. | CONTRA. | Cr. | |
| By cash paid Fidler & Chambers, blue cloth Volume XXI, Part I | \$ | 39.50— | \$ 39.50 |
| Unexpended to balance | | | 18.14 |
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| | | | \$ 57.64 |

CARD INDEX DEPARTMENT.

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| 1909. | RECEIPTS. | Dr. | |
| March 17. To cash received from Grand Treasurer, order No. 211 for installation of Card Index System | | | \$1,200.00 |

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| 1909. | DISBURSEMENTS. | Cr. | |
| By cash paid Remington Typewriter Co. (1 voucher).... | \$ | 100.00 | |
| By cash paid postage (2 vouchers)..... | | 50.00 | |
| By cash paid Library card truck (1 voucher)..... | | 150.00 | |
| By cash paid printed cards, 105,000 (1 voucher)..... | | 261.56 | |
| By cash paid guide and blue cards (2 vouchers)..... | | 13.00 | |
| By cash paid 516 rubber stamps (1 voucher)..... | | 25.80 | |
| By cash paid stenographer and two assistants (12 vou.).. | | 184.00 | |
| By cash paid printing blanks and envelopes (1 vou.).... | 14.25— | \$ 798.61 | |
| Unexpended to balance | | 401.39 | |
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| | | \$1,200.00 | |

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The following standing and special committees appointed by the Grand Master, in accordance with Chapter III of the Code, were read by the Grand Secretary:

ON CREDENTIALS.

H. M. BELT (110), Des Moines. J. H. SHIPLEY (465), Rippey.
THOMAS ABBEY (421), Prairieburg.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

K. T. LAMB (200), Olin. H. A. TOBIE (286), Earlville.
ALLEN MEADER (117), Eldora.

CHARTERED LODGES.

F. S. MOSES (255), Clinton. M. J. GABRIEL (93), Lyons.
R. H. MALONY (162), Red Oak.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

F. W. CRAIG (110), Des Moines. S. C. HUBER (203), Tama.
F. E. STERNBERG (440), Ft. Madison.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

D. W. CLEMENTS (69), West Union. H. M. TOWNER (275), Corning.
W. W. WESTFALL (266), Northwood.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

C. T. GRANGER (154), Past Grand Master, chairman, Waukon, and all
Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge who personally reside
within its jurisdiction and in good standing.

FINANCE.

C. E. NAREY (329), Spirit Lake. D. D. CARLTON (462), Early.
GEORGE L. SCHOONOVER (46), Anamosa.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

W. L. EHLERS (474), Sioux City. J. L. FARRINGTON (192), Iowa Falls.
L. F. DANFORTH (240), Lake City.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

H. W. HUGHES (1), Burlington.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LOUIS BLOCK (208), Davenport.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

HENRY A. COOK (111), Ft. Dodge.

VISITORS.

F. L. BILLS (37), Davenport.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The noon hour having arrived, Grand Master P. J. Martin (105) called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 1:30 P. M.





LABOR RESUMED.



AS ANNOUNCED at the closing hour, Grand Master P. J. Martin (105) called the Grand Lodge to labor at 1:30 P. M.

EXCUSED.

Several brethren were excused from further attendance upon session of Grand Lodge, and excuses filed with the Committee on Credentials.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of Brother Alf. Wingate (110) as Deputy Grand Secretary for the session.



Brother H. M. Belt (110) presented a partial report of the committee, giving list of lodges not represented (thus doing away with the reading of a long list of names and saving much valuable time).

Grand Master Martin ordered the committee continued, with instructions to add additional names.

(Report here printed is the final report, as adopted, and contains subsequent additions of Wednesday and Thursday.)

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



OUR Committee on Credentials beg leave to present the following as their report:

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| We find the whole number of lodges enrolled..... | 603 |
| Number of lodges extinct..... | 88 |
| Number of working lodges..... | 515 |
| Number of lodges under dispensation..... | 3 |
| Number of lodges chartered at this communication (1909)..... | 3 |
| Number of lodges represented at this communication..... | 451 |
| Number of Masters and Wardens present..... | 420 |
| Number of proxies for Masters and Wardens (of which 88 are present by proxies alone)..... | 193 |
| Number of Grand Officers present..... | 13 |
| Number of permanent members present..... | 35 |
| Number of District Lecturers present..... | 42 |
| Total attendance upon Grand Lodge..... | 703 |

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| No. 1. | Des Moines | H. W. Hughes, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 2. | Iowa | E. P. Ingham, W. M. C. C. Braunwarth, S. W. George H. Riemcke, J. W. |
| No. 3. | Dubuque | William Gere, W. M. E. H. Smith, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 4. | Iowa City | Ralph L. Dunlap, W. M. |
| No. 5. | Wapello | Arthur H. Dewein, S. W. A. E. Baldrige, J. W. |
| No. 6. | Marion | James Moorhead, W. M. J. E. Crews, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 8. | Mt. Pleasant | W. R. Young, W. M. J. H. Chase, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 10. | Keosauqua | H. E. Duckworth, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 11. | Cedar | G. H. Kellogg, S. W. |
| No. 12. | Eagle | Jesse M. Marsh, W. M. |
| No. 13. | Claypoole | E. H. Rudd, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 14. | Franklin | G. P. Fryberger, W. M. A. B. Holiday, S. W. T. P. Bence, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 15. | Clinton | J. S. Gaumer, W. M. |
| No. 16. | Ottumwa | Thomas Turner, W. M. |
| No. 17. | Salem | C. A. Stevens, W. M. |
| No. 18. | Tri-Luminar | Frank W. Glaze, W. M. Ben. Templeton, S. W. |

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| No. 21. | Olive Branch | C. R. Reynolds, J. W. |
| No. 22. | Pioneer | E. F. Bourne, W. M. F. S. Treat, S. W. C. F. Percival, J. W. |
| No. 24. | Golden Rule | George W. Heabner, W. M. |
| No. 25. | Crescent | Hugh Livingston, W. M. C. R. Sutherland, S. W. A. H. Conn, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 26. | Washington | Chancey E. Myers, S. W. James W. Dunham, J. W. |
| No. 27. | Mt. Moriah | A. T. S. Owen, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. H. F. Barton, S. W. |
| No. 28. | New London | C. Nugen, W. M. |
| No. 29. | Hardin | H. R. Collins, W. M. Charles Burt, S. W. |
| No. 34. | De Witt | C. C. Christiansen, W. M. |
| No. 36. | Helion | Harry Fischer, W. M. |
| No. 37. | Davenport | L. R. Campbell, W. M. V. E. Hayward, J. W. |
| No. 38. | Richland | Henry Bruns, W. M. H. J. Hoogenakker, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 40. | Troy | Ralph B. Parks, W. M. |
| No. 43. | Evening Star | J. W. Frankelberger, W. M. |
| No. 44. | Snow | S. A. Wilson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. J. A. Teeter, S. W. H. T. Lafring, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 46. | Anamosa | George L. Schoonover, W. M. H. G. A. Harper, S. W. C. A. Beems, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 48. | Danville | W. L. Arnold, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 49. | Metropolitan | Andrew Galliard, W. M. A. R. Bradford, S. W. B. W. Jones, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 50. | Aurora | J. C. Forbes, W. M. H. W. Hill, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. J. E. Spence, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 52. | Lafayette | William Blakley, W. M. C. C. Hunt, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 53. | Warren | John Cochran, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 55. | Pella | William A. Butt, W. M. |
| No. 56. | Birmingham | Price Meek, S. W. |
| No. 59. | Newton | Walter J. Morgan, W. M. D. L. Clark, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 61. | Oriental | W. H. Bye, W. M. Allen P. Bybee, J. W. |
| No. 62. | Vinton | William C. Hulse, W. M. |
| No. 63. | Chariton | George G. Fancher, W. M. |
| No. 65. | Black Hawk | M. E. Huffman, W. M. |

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| No. 66. | Union Band | T. J. Crawford, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 67. | Constellation | W. H. Eppens, S. W. |
| No. 69. | West Union | C. J. McLaughlin, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 70. | Clayton | Edward F. Slitor, W. M. Bruce B. Everall, S. W. |
| No. 71. | Bluff City | Charles E. Walters, W. M. George Onderkirk, J. W. |
| No. 72. | Elkader | William E. Witt, W. M. |
| No. 73. | Bonaparte | J. W. Persinger, W. M. C. S. Percival, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 74. | Eddyville | C. S. Smith, J. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 78. | Grand River | E. E. Bell, W. M. |
| No. 79. | Mt. Olive | Robert McBirnie, S. W. H. C. Jones, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 80. | Adel | E. W. Dingwell, W. M. J. S. Forrester, S. W. Bernard Dack, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 81. | Benton City | G. W. Clemmons, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. C. E. Beatty, S. W. |
| No. 83. | Hartford | Guy Coon, W. M. |
| No. 86. | Jefferson | I. R. Shepherd, W. M. |
| No. 87. | Independence | O. E. Finuf, W. M. |
| No. 91. | Corydon | W. P. Allred, W. M. |
| No. 93. | Lyons | C. A. Buechner, W. M. A. E. Ball, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. M. J. Gabriel, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 94. | Butler | Albert Neal, J. W. |
| No. 95. | Mt. Calvary | John McCann, W. M. F. H. Battey, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. J. C. Park, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 96. | Richmond | W. W. Jones, W. M. J. W. Southwick, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. W. H. Jackson, J. W. |
| No. 99. | Nevada | Fred G. Dunahugh, W. M. Arthur C. Allen, S. W. |
| No. 100. | Western Star | William S. Whitford, W. M. Fred G. Hansen, J. W. |
| No. 102. | Osage | George J. Cummings, W. M. Max Katz, S. W. J. A. Douglas, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 103. | Landmark | Levi Bowker, W. M. |
| No. 104. | Abingdon | F. R. Jones, W. M. J. W. Sylvester, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 105. | Waterloo | Samuel J. Hall, W. M. Harry O. Kelley, S. W. H. R. Williams, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 106. | Martinsburg | Allen Hawk, W. M. |

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| No. 107. | Columbus City | S. L. Daniels, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 108. | Marshall | R. W. Chamberlain, S. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 109. | Decatur | Thomas A. Sutherlin, W. M. |
| No. 110. | Capital | Jesse A. West, W. M. H. M. Belt, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. M. L. Heilhecker, J. W. |
| No. 111. | Ashlar | A. W. Day, W. M. H. A. Cook, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 112. | Mt. Vernon | George H. Soper, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 113. | Polar Star | Carney Leech, W. M. |
| No. 114. | Marengo | B. C. Leib, W. M. S. S. Allen, S. W. |
| No. 115. | Star | Edwin C. Carlson, W. M. |
| No. 116. | Tyrell | F. M. Downing, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 117. | Montague | A. W. Crossan, S. W. Allen Meader, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 118. | Toledo | P. K. Rebok, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 119. | Unionville | C. W. Taylor, W. M. |
| No. 120. | Adoniram | L. C. Henss, W. M. |
| No. 121. | Panora | D. D. Rees, Jr., W. M. |
| No. 122. | Ionic | J. W. Crees, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. F. C. Crees, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. H. B. Kline, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 123. | Orange | W. F. Moore, S. W. |
| No. 124. | Lovillia | Henri L. Gaddis, S. W. |
| No. 125. | Mosaic | W. R. Oliver, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 126. | Magnolia | F. M. Larison, S. W. |
| No. 127. | Cascade | James T. Bevan, S. W. |
| No. 128. | Pleasant | Ira Bengé, W. M. |
| No. 129. | Bradford | W. R. Wright, W. M. |
| No. 130. | Strawberry Point | Alex. Porter, W. M. N. Scofield, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 131. | Equity | W. S. Beaty, W. M. |
| No. 135. | Bezer | F. S. Richards, W. M. R. G. Stuhr, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 136. | Joppa | John H. Noonan, W. M. C. A. Kennedy, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 137. | Lewis | H. G. Cotton, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 138. | Fontanelle | Levin S. Peek, W. M. |
| No. 139. | Springville | J. W. Carbee, W. M. F. N. Lathrop, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 140. | Nodaway | T. E. Powers, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 141. | St. Charles | W. V. Whitten, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 142. | Vienna | E. G. Thompson, W. M. |
| No. 144. | Evergreen | E. B. Bascom, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 148. | Fairbank | O. A. Soper, W. M. |
| No. 149. | Dayton | E. C. Jones, W. M. |

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| No. 150. | Cresco | C. A. Marshall, W. M. |
| No. 151. | Afton | F. P. Bolinger, S. W. |
| No. 152. | Inter-Ocean | W. H. Funk, W. M. |
| No. 153. | Nishnabotany..... | P. H. Hoop, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 154. | Waukon | H. H. Stilwell, W. M. |
| No. 156. | Taylor | Kennith E. Stephens, W. M. |
| No. 158. | Wiscotta | C. E. Cave, W. M. |
| | | G. W. Curtis, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| | | J. M. Kennedy, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 159. | Morning Star | John Stevenson, W. M. |
| No. 162. | Red Oak | Roy T. Will, W. M. |
| | | A. M. Hawkins, S. W. |
| | | R. H. Malony, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 163. | Bellefontaine | J. B. Lyman, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 165. | Manchester | L. Matthews, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 167. | Wilton | H. B. Strong, W. M. |
| | | N. A. McAulay, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 169. | Resurgam | Henry Schultz, S. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| | | Samuel Clark, J. W. |
| No. 170. | Temple | S. H. Amos, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 172. | National | John Everall, W. M. |
| No. 173. | Burns | J. S. Houser, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 174. | Corinthian | W. F. Berger, W. M. |
| No. 175. | Hope | James Park, W. M. |
| | | L. E. Cox, S. W. |
| No. 176. | Acacia | V. C. Crosley, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 178. | Occidental | Edw. Drewry, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 179. | Faith | C. L. V. Thompson, W. M. |
| No. 181. | Great Lights | H. J. Green, W. M. |
| No. 182. | Webb | E. C. Polmeteer, W. M. |
| No. 183. | Hiram Abiff | Howard Petty, W. M. |
| | | C. J. Richardson, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 185. | Tyre | Charles Moorhead, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 187. | Rising Sun | W. R. Reeve, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 188. | Naphtali | O. K. Morrison, S. W. |
| No. 189. | Emblem | O. E. Macy, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 190. | Attentive Ear | James S. Stone, W. M. |
| No. 191. | Anchor | Raymond T. Warner, W. M. |
| No. 192. | Mason's Home | William Kane, W. M. |
| | | J. L. Farrington, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 194. | Fairview | C. B. Wright, W. M. |
| No. 195. | Eastern Star | C. E. Wilson, W. M. |
| | | T. E. Joiner, S. W. |
| No. 197. | Charity | A. C. Parkinson, W. M. |
| No. 198. | Kilwinning | Albert Whitmore, W. M. |
| | | Wm. Speelman, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |

- No. 199. Lincoln James T. Porter, S. W., and *proxy*
for W. M.
- No. 200. Ancient Landmark Gilbert Blayney, W. M.
K. T. Lamb, *proxy* for S. W.
- No. 202. York E. S. Taylor, W. M.
Floyd Finney, *proxy* for S. W.
- No. 203. Hiram of Tyre..... D. E. Goodell, *proxy* for W. M.
S. C. Huber, *proxy* for J. W.
- No. 204. Brotherly Love Talcott Bollman, W. M.
- No. 205. Prudence A. L. Peterson, *proxy* for W. M.
- No. 208. Trinity C. C. Campbell, *proxy* for W. M.
William A. Watts, S. W.
R. R. Griffith, *proxy* for J. W.
- No. 210. King Solomon E. A. Ely, W. M.
- No. 211. Relief B. N. Hendricks, W. M.
- No. 212. Unity E. A. Blanchard, S. W.
- No. 213. Truth J. E. Anderson, *proxy* for W. M.
- No. 214. Howard Frank Burns, W. M.
- No. 215. Concordia J. L. Jeter, Jr., J. W., and *proxy* for
W. M.
- No. 216. Trowel A. N. Kalb, W. M.
- No. 217. Quitman James Stooksberry, W. M.
J. P. Harl, S. W.
- No. 218. Preston Charles D. Johnson, W. M.
- No. 219. Fountain Charles J. Doepke, W. M.
- No. 221. Fraternal Herman Rohlf, W. M.
B. F. Luétje, *proxy* for S. W.
Conrad M. Heeschen, J. W.
- No. 222. Siloam..... C. B. Ganier, W. M.
- No. 223. Vesper E. A. Henderlinder, S. W.
- No. 225. Tadmor V. E. Dow, J. W.
- No. 226. Progress J. D. Bridges, W. M.
J. H. Scott, S. W.
- No. 227. Lebanon J. C. Trease, *proxy* for W. M.
De Witt Manning, S. W.
- No. 228. Fidelity Bert McCulloch, W. M.
- No. 229. Gavel A. A. Davis, W. M.
- No. 231. Social George E. Jack, W. M.
Guy Van, *proxy* for S. W.
- No. 232. Valley W. H. Sudduth, W. M.
- No. 233. Champion S. E. Sterrett, W. M.
- No. 234. Silver Urn C. S. Royce, W. M.
- No. 235. Good Faith W. P. Dunnahoo, W. M.
- No. 236. Toleration Guy Roof, W. M.
J. B. Krout, *proxy* for J. W.
- No. 237. Arcturus M. J. Carter, J. W.
- No. 239. Compass E. E. Schrack, W. M.

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| No. 240. | Zerubbabel | J. M. Stewart, W. M. L. F. Danforth, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 241. | Kedron | Perry L. Clemons, S. W. |
| No. 245. | Triangular | F. A. Stump, W. M. C. C. Snyder, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 248. | Pleiades | W. M. Rickert, W. M. |
| No. 249. | Arcadia | J. B. Kooser, J. W. |
| No. 250. | Verity | C. E. Wright, W. M. |
| No. 252. | Antiquity | C. M. McFatridge, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 253. | Jerusalem | S. T. Mitchell, W. M. |
| No. 254. | Lily | F. S. Bernard, W. M. |
| No. 255. | Emulation | W. W. Cook, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 256. | Fortitude | James L. Platt, Jr., W. M. L. W. Clayton, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 258. | Jordan | Charles North, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 259. | Excelsior | W. S. Baird, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 260. | Industry | W. N. Wright, W. M. Jennings Casford, J. W. |
| No. 261. | Escallop | O. B. Wahl, W. M. |
| No. 262. | Equality | J. V. Bass, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 263. | Mt. Hermon | T. Will Runkle, W. M. Joseph E. Soukup, S. W. |
| No. 264. | Signet | J. L. Miner, W. M. |
| No. 266. | Northern Light | Geo. E. Whitcomb, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. W. A. Westfall, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 268. | Damascus | F. H. Figert, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 269. | Empire..... | W. I. Miller, W. M. |
| No. 270. | Montgomery | George B. Sexton, W. M. |
| No. 271. | Pymosa | D. S. Eldridge, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 273. | Hermon | H. R. Dean, W. M. O. H. Gallagher, S. W. A. R. Craft, J. W. |
| No. 274. | Arcana | A. B. Harris, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 275. | Instruction | O. R. Cain, W. M. H. M. Towner, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 276. | Terrestrial | J. A. Shepard, W. M. |
| No. 277. | Perfect Union | Robert Orr, W. M. |
| No. 280. | Meridian | R. C. Burton, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. J. Craven, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 281. | Right Hand | L. S. Harrington, W. M. |
| No. 283. | Purity | C. E. Ettinger, W. M. |
| No. 294. | Level | H. M. Taylor, W. M. |
| No. 285. | Plumb | E. H. Scrivner, S. W. |
| No. 286. | Square | C. B. Rogers, W. M. |
| No. 287. | Sharon | H. C. Phelps, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 289. | Amicable | George M. Clark, W. M. |
| No. 292. | Columbia | G. W. Dean, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. Harry E. Ransom, J. W. |

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| No. 294. | Rock | F. E. Grove, W. M. L. N. Christiansen, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 297. | Mt. Nebo | J. W. Sievers, S. W. |
| No. 299. | Otley | Newton E. Hart, W. M. |
| No. 300. | Tri-Centum | L. N. Wilson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 303. | Rhodes | W. C. Bradshaw, W. M. |
| No. 304. | Token | Richard J. McKee, W. M. |
| No. 307. | Speculative | Forrest G. Webber, W. M. |
| No. 309. | Jewel | A. L. Bryan, S. W. |
| No. 311. | Monumental | Alfred Lust, W. M. John Lust, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. Harmon Swank, J. W. |
| No. 312. | Evening Shade | I. F. Constant, W. M. |
| No. 313. | Crystal | C. E. Starks, W. M. E. F. West, S. W. |
| No. 315. | Model | S. S. Switzer, W. M. R. D. Minard, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 316. | Cope-Stone | E. C. Walker, W. M. |
| No. 317. | Sincerity | J. W. Miller, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 318. | Malta | A. N. Duffy, W. M. P. H. Schaefer, J. W. |
| No. 319. | Bethel | Casper K. Moe, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 321. | Parian | J. H. Frederickson, W. M. A. Frederickson, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 322. | Giblem | Emil A. Musbach, W. M. F. Wilmerton, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 323. | Sirius | J. E. Bruce, W. M. |
| No. 324. | Astral | Albert Durant, S. W. |
| No. 325. | Cyrene | G. J. Mack, J. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 326. | Alpha | George W. Wilson, W. M. |
| No. 329. | Twilight | Frank P. Hopkins, J. W. |
| No. 330. | Monitor | E. S. McCord, W. M. |
| No. 331. | Broken Column | Alfred Morton, W. M. A. W. McCallum, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 332. | Enterprise | Elias W. Clark, W. M. |
| No. 333. | Mt. Horeb | Guy F. Whitcomb, W. M. |
| No. 334. | Emerald | Chas. T. Rogers, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 335. | Ark | R. G. Smith, W. M. F. A. Nash, S. W. |
| No. 336. | Mahaska | Will Champion, W. M. |
| No. 338. | Cyrus | C. F. Pohle, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 340. | Hesperia | N. R. Morison, W. M. L. H. McComas, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 341. | Mersail | Wallace Beckwith, W. M. |
| No. 342. | Exodus | John Schlater, W. M. |
| No. 343. | Tremont | Ed. N. Beadel, W. M. |
| No. 347. | Abiff | H. E. Cooper, W. M. |

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| No. 348. | Right Angle | Samuel McCrae, W. M. |
| No. 349. | Setting Sun | E. B. Spottswood, W. M. E. J. Peters, S. W. |
| No. 350. | Prospect | J. R. Wallace, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 351. | Standard | Charles Cochran, W. M. |
| No. 353. | Adelphi..... | J. C. Richardson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 354. | Canby | John Pickering, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 355. | Myrtle | J. L. Brooks, W. M. |
| No. 356. | Delta | George L. Cadwell, W. M. G. H. Hall, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 357. | Junction | Thos. O. Maxwell, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 358. | Eleusis..... | Charles H. Milligan, W. M. |
| No. 360. | Mountain | Nate G. Miller, W. M. |
| No. 362. | Altar | E. L. Ketterman, W. M. |
| No. 365. | Orient | T. J. Easter, W. M. |
| No. 366. | Radiant | H. E. Button, W. M. E. B. Pritchard, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 368. | Marble | F. C. Hull, W. M. |
| No. 370. | Home | Will A. Luge, W. M. |
| No. 371. | Silentia | F. H. Alexander, J. W. |
| No. 372. | Advance | T. H. Walker, W. M. |
| No. 373. | Centennial | Jacob F. Miller, W. M. |
| No. 374. | Hebron | William Walker, W. M. |
| No. 375. | Remembrance | John M. Howell, W. M. J. G. Flora, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 376. | Mistletoe | Horace E. Palmer, W. M. A. Walsmith, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 377. | Kane | William H. Cross, W. M. |
| No. 378. | Humanity | W. R. Crawford, W. M. |
| No. 379. | Friendship | Wallace Morgan, J. W. |
| No. 380. | Obedience | Charles Scholl, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 381. | Wapsinonoc | B. A. Gill, W. M. D. L. Bell, S. W. D. E. McClellan, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 384. | Morning Light | Charles E. Bale, W. M. |
| No. 386. | Crusade..... | R. B. Oldham, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. J. E. Brooks, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. H. A. Smith, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 387. | Due Guard | O. O. Spotts, W. M. |
| No. 389. | Riverside | D. Myron Tripp, W. M. |
| No. 390. | Lake | J. C. Ockerstrom, S. W. |
| No. 391. | Stellapolis | A. A. Hall, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 392. | Veritas | Will R. Smith, W. M. |
| No. 395. | Lookout | James H. Noon, W. M. H. Schlatter, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 396. | Surprise | O. E. Garrett, W. M. |
| No. 398. | Wheeler | B. Brynteson, W. M. |
| No. 399. | Earnest | J. O. Morris, S. W. |

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| No. 401. | Charter Oak | L. T. Hall, S. W. |
| No. 404. | Quarry | C. C. Jacobsen, W. M. |
| No. 405. | Emanuel | Albert Nordholm, W. M. |
| No. 406. | Border | C. C. Brugman, W. M. |
| No. 407. | King David | George W. Heller, W. M. |
| No. 408. | Pomegranate | W. J. Sievers, W. M. |
| No. 409. | Milan | John D. Smith, W. M. |
| No. 410. | Vernon | P. S. Green, W. M. |
| | | C. V. Noble, J. W. |
| No. 411. | Temperance..... | O. J. Bassart, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 412. | Cass | G. M. Forsyth, W. M. |
| No. 413. | Celestial | L. A. Cox, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 414. | Good Shepherd | W. E. Rowe, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 415. | Ruby | James M. Coons, W. M. |
| No. 417. | Opal | E. J. Davis, W. M. |
| No. 419. | Onyx..... | David Barker, W. M. |
| | | W. B. Cantrill, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 420. | Chrysolite | E. E. Beck, W. M. |
| No. 421. | Beryl | Charles E. Buckley, W. M. |
| | | Thos. Abbey, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 422. | Diamond | John H. Kral, W. M. |
| | | W. E. Mason, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 423. | Agate | Albert Smith, W. M. |
| No. 424. | Jasper | W. F. Johnson, W. M. |
| No. 425. | Carnelian | F. A. Thayer, W. M. |
| No. 426. | Pearl | George Stoll, W. M. |
| No. 427. | Sapphire | Clayton L. Beach, W. M. |
| No. 429. | Gem | J. E. Anderson, W. M. |
| No. 430. | Coral | George Stephens, W. M. |
| | | Frank Shinn, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 431. | Darius | H. E. Hutchinson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 432. | Symbol | I. A. Moore, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 434. | Freedom | A. N. Williams, W. M. |
| No. 437. | Banner | J. W. Robinson, W. M. |
| No. 438. | Topaz | R. Emerson, W. M. |
| No. 439. | Crown | H. J. Faling, W. M. |
| No. 440. | Stella | G. W. Amick, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| | | F. E. Sternberg, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 443. | Jacinth | G. F. Wolever, W. M. |
| No. 445. | Stainless | B. L. Metcalf, W. M. |
| | | Henry Morris, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 446. | Perseverance | D. T. Fowler, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 447. | North Star | W. P. Galloway, W. M. |
| No. 449. | Beulah | George B. Lynch, W. M. |
| No. 450. | Manual | F. W. Kemp, W. M. |
| | | J. H. Halford, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| | | H. L. Fitch, J. W. |
| No. 451. | Benevolent | F. E. Munger, W. M. |

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| No. 452. | Tabernacle | Frank Thompson, W. M. Lewis J. Miller, S. W. M. S. Beck, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 453. | Covenant | C. W. McCohn, W. M. |
| No. 454. | Peaceful | W. P. Dickerson, W. M. |
| No. 455. | Herald | J. N. Shoop, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 456. | Dale | Thomas J. Reeves, W. M. C. S. McCarty, S. W. |
| No. 457. | Acme | C. Will Brimhall, J. W. |
| No. 458. | Noble | G. F. Bailey, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 461. | Apollo | F. J. Wells, W. M. H. C. Wells, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. A. Huggins, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 462. | St. Elmo | E. C. Fuller, W. M. D. D. Carlton, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 464. | Bower | E. A. Billings, S. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 465. | Elmo | S. C. Hull, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. J. H. Shipley, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 466. | Eden | Albert Heintz, W. M. |
| No. 467. | Pilot | W. S. Butler, W. M. |
| No. 468. | Republic | O. U. Johnson, W. M. |
| No. 469. | Pacific | H. W. Lightfoot, S. W. |
| No. 470. | Cosmos | James J. Davis, S. W. |
| No. 471. | Alpine | W. F. Hutton, W. M. |
| No. 472. | Beaver | H. J. Wood, W. M. R. E. Wick, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 474. | Burning Bush | Adelbert J. Weeks, W. M. George A. Bailey, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. W. H. Garber, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 475. | Solar | G. B. Peterson, W. M. |
| No. 477. | Sioux | Fred S. Wing, S. W. |
| No. 478. | Twin Lakes | J. C. Frick, W. M. R. C. Gray, S. W. |
| No. 480. | New Hope | C. E. Abbott, W. M. |
| No. 482. | Gloaming | R. F. Price, W. M. |
| No. 483. | Ivy | C. F. Scott, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 485. | Garfield | Waldo W. Young, W. M. J. G. McWilliams, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 487. | Highland | G. Baldwin, W. M. John A. Berg, S. W. P. G. Baldwin, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 488. | Arion | R. J. Dawson, W. M. |
| No. 490. | Craftsman | A. H. Miller, S. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 491. | Black Oak | William Patterson, W. M. |
| No. 493. | Summit | C. B. Halbert, W. M. |
| No. 495. | Beacon | J. J. Rae, W. M. |

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| No. 496. | Rising Star | J. S. Nye, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 498. | Vulcan | G. W. Appleby, S. W. |
| No. 499. | Fulton | David Algyer, W. M. |
| No. 500. | Rob Morris | P. M. Wilson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 501. | Mt. Hope | George Miller, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 503. | Progressive | E. Megorden, W. M. |
| No. 504. | Prosperity | Matthew Steel, W. M. |
| No. 505. | Astor | F. M. Weeber, W. M. |
| No. 506. | Rose | A. N. Smith, W. M. |
| No. 507. | Sylvan | Charles Bollen, W. M. Carl F. Kuehnle, S. W. |
| No. 508. | Tyrian | Ray D. Kellogg, W. M. F. W. Walsmith, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 509. | Adelphic | Frank H. Noble, W. M. L. H. Warren, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 510. | Sunnyside | W. H. Seeley, W. M. |
| No. 511. | Waterfall | E. H. Latham, W. M. |
| No. 512. | Golden Rod | W. N. Morgan, J. W. |
| No. 514. | Templar | S. P. Crisman, W. M. |
| No. 515. | Comfort | Wray Wilson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 516. | Victoria | D. S. Hardy, W. M. William Sims, S. W. |
| No. 518. | Silver Leaf | C. J. Harrington, W. M. |
| No. 519. | Grace | U. S. Vance, S. W. Alva Taylor, J. W. |
| No. 520. | Unit | John Allan, W. M. |
| No. 521. | Little Sioux | H. F. Hoffman, W. M. |
| No. 522. | Crest City | Fred W. Ide, W. M. |
| No. 523. | Mecca | L. G. Hall, W. M. |
| No. 524. | Firm | W. C. Vernon, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 525. | Silver Cord | S. I. Bradrick, W. M. |
| No. 526. | Perfect Square | Thomas Oakley, W. M. J. C. Wagner, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 527. | Silver Lake | H. M. Andresen, W. M. |
| No. 528. | Maple Leaf | J. W. Klemme, W. M. |
| No. 529. | Active | T. A. Thornburg, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 530. | Tennyson | F. M. Likens, W. M. J. H. Barnes, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 531. | Oak | O. M. Olson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 532. | Trial | R. J. Anderson, W. M. |
| No. 533. | Emmet | J. B. Knipe, W. M. |
| No. 535. | Abner | H. L. Zimmerman, W. M. F. W. Zimmerman, J. W. |
| No. 536. | Welcome | Frank Steckmest, W. M. |
| No. 537. | Floyd | M. D. Gibbs, W. M. |
| No. 538. | Viona | R. R. Smith, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 539. | Cypress | Fred C. Armstrong, S. W. |
| No. 540. | Kossuth | F. J. Mann, S. W. |

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| No. 541. | Belmont | F. B. Whitaker, W. M. |
| No. 542. | Windsor | John Shales, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 543. | Live Oak | F. W. Pithan, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 545. | Federal | J. P. Mathias, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. C. W. Tomkinson, S. W. |
| No. 546. | Byron | G. B. Thompson, W. M. |
| No. 548. | Trojan | L. C. Dow, W. M. |
| No. 549. | Fellowship | I. J. Marner, W. M. C. J. Nagy, S. W. |
| No. 550. | Cerulean..... | Bert Hart, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 551. | Julien | N. M. Harry, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 552. | Larch | B. Twamley, W. M. |
| No. 553. | Paradise | Lewis Larsen, W. M. |
| No. 555. | Circle | E. M. Snively, W. M. G. M. Boles, S. W. C. B. Chapman, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 556. | Harbor | E. T. Housh, W. M. |
| No. 557. | Granite | Jessie Brogan, S. W., and <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 558. | Fern | Cap M. Boling, W. M. |
| No. 559. | Morro | J. G. Thompson, S. W. |
| No. 560. | Columbian | D. D. Treleven, W. M. Emil Brugman, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 561. | Full Moon | W. H. Bollenbacher, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. Albert Sanderman, <i>proxy</i> for J. W. |
| No. 562. | Weston | Charles Morton, W. M. |
| No. 563. | Meteor | A. M. Lakin, W. M. |
| No. 564. | Roman | E. J. Trumbull, S. W. |
| No. 565. | Mishna..... | S. L. McIntire, W. M. C. M. Redick, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 566. | Maple | W. N. Steele, W. M. T. C. Taylor, S. W. Thos. Patterson, J. W. |
| No. 567. | Cement | Robinson Reid, W. M. |
| No. 568. | Madison | J. R. Thompson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 569. | Amber | F. W. Perry, W. M. |
| No. 570. | Nain | T. A. Wilson, S. W. |
| No. 571. | Fayette | Geo. R. Grenawalt, W. M. |
| No. 572. | Palm | R. Addy, W. M. |
| No. 573. | Hazel | W. E. Holdcroft, W. M. |
| No. 574. | Benjamin Franklin | J. G. Bovey, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 575. | Center | E. L. Root, W. M. H. Knox, <i>proxy</i> for S. W. |
| No. 576. | Kohinoor | R. N. Ballard, W. M. |
| No. 577. | Gnemeth | Homer Thompson, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 579. | Mural | H. J. Whitcomb, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 580. | Bethshan | Edward Timmons, W. M. |
| No. 581. | Zenith | Frank J. Benesh, W. M. |

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| No. 582. | Volunteer | U. G. Mauk, W. M. |
| No. 583. | Mysteria | A. McEwen, W. M. |
| No. 584. | Integrity | B. E. Evans, W. M. |
| No. 585. | Ensign | T. M. Aylsworth, W. M. Ernest Holmes, J. W. |
| No. 586. | Elk | Frederick Stevens, W. M. |
| No. 587. | Universal | L. E. Bladine, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 588. | Walnut | George S. Miner, W. M. |
| No. 592. | Auburn | S. R. Healton, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. |
| No. 594. | Solomon | E. H. Hoyt, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. J. L. Gilbert, S. W. H. Snodgrass, J. W. |
| No. 595. | Golden Leaf..... | F. A. Jackson, W. M. |
| No. 596. | Waveland | S. C. Snow, S. W. |
| No. 597. | Nekoda | D. J. Townsend, W. M. A. K. McPherson, S. W. A. Baird, J. W. |
| No. 599. | Rock River | Charles Creglow, W. M. |
| No. 600. | Imperial | R. R. Stockman, <i>proxy</i> for W. M. H. W. Moats, S. W. |
| No. 601. | Acorn | Nels Sandell, W. M. |
| No. 602. | Alhambra | Frank F. Pool, W. M. |
| No. 603. | Cyprian | William D. McFaul, W. M. |

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. M. BELT,
J. H. SHIPLEY,
THOMAS ABBEY,
Committee.

PRESENTATION OF SUNDRY PAPERS.

The Grand Secretary presented sundry petitions for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues from former members of defunct lodges, as follows:

William Harkelroad, Grand Junction, Colo., from suspension by Hiram Lodge, No. 7.

Joseph Trick, Omaha, Neb., from suspension by Orion Lodge, No. 132.

W. J. Trick, Omaha, Neb., from suspension by Orion Lodge, No. 132.

Levi F. Hootan, Salt Lake City, Utah, from Winona Lodge, No. 339.

J. P. Kendall, from suspension by Good Will Lodge, No. 246.

All of which petitions were referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

He also presented a further petition from Acacia Lodge, No. 176, asking for approval of action of that lodge in reinstating A. R. Wolgamot, expelled January 25, 1897, by said lodge.

Which petition was referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Deputy Grand Master J. W. Barry (25), presiding, called for report on Grand Master's address.

Brother F. W. Craig (110) presented and read the report of the committee, which, on motion, was—

Unanimously adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



OUR Committee on Grand Master's Address have given careful consideration to the interesting and complete address of the Grand Master and to the various reports and recommendations made by him. In the first place we desire to congratulate the craft upon the careful and efficient administration of the affairs of the Grand Master's office which has prevailed during the year now drawing to a close.

Grand Master Martin presents the review of his work of the year and the present needs of the craft in a clear, methodical, and forcible manner. To administer the affairs of an executive office which has supervision over more than 40,000 Masons, grouped into 515 lodges, requires time, tact, skill, knowledge, and experience. All of these requirements were possessed by Grand Master Martin to a marked degree, and the results are shown in a very active and successful year. He is to be especially commended for making so large a number of official visits to lodges. Such a visit, as the Grand Master remarks, "is of actual value to any lodge and especially to the weak and indifferent ones," and, "it arouses interest, creates enthusiasm, and does them permanent good."

The Grand Master tenderly reports of our dead, and appropriately gives particular mention to our own Past Grand Officers who received the last summons during the year.

It is well that the Grand Master is able to report such universal peace and tranquility and such healthy growth in the craft. Peace and growth are an absolute necessity to the success of our Masonic life. Without these the beneficent influences of our order are

soon dissipated and lost. It is also a matter of congratulation that so many of our lodges are the owners of buildings to be used for lodge meetings. Such ownership gives a permanency and stability to the institution that can be gained in no other manner.

The Grand Master is to be commended for promptly constituting the several lodges which were ordered to be chartered by Grand Lodge last year; for the conservative care exercised by him in granting dispensations to form new lodges; for his successful efforts to resuscitate the two lodges which had contemplated surrendering their charters; and for his timely remarks upon smoking in the lodge room, the diversion of lodge funds, the improper use of the black ball, reports by Masters to their lodges, Masonic imposters, and the Grand Lodge Library.

The work being done by the Student's Masonic Club of the University of Iowa, as related by the Grand Master, leads to Masonic learning and skill and creates enthusiasm. That class of work, properly guarded, is worthy of sympathy and encouragement, and well may the Grand Master bespeak for it the co-operation of the craft.

The Quarterly Bulletin, as formerly issued, performed a very valuable service to the craft, and any plan for its re-establishment would be hailed with pleasure. We understand that the surrounding circumstances which seemed to compel its discontinuance have passed away, and that the Trustees, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, will now be able to fulfill the needs of the craft in that respect. We commend such contemplated action.

The action of the Grand Master in promptly sending \$500, from the unexpended funds which had been raised for the relief of our San Francisco brethren, to relieve the distress of our brethren who suffered from the terrible earthquakes in Italy, was praiseworthy, and we recommend its approval.

It must have been a very pleasant privilege to have been one of those present when the Grand Master of Ohio opened an occasional Grand Lodge and made the President-elect of the United States a Mason at sight. We are all interested in the story because the occurrence is so rare. We are glad that the ceremony can be pronounced lawful. But we are also glad that the occasional Grand Lodge is not frequently opened, and that our Grand Lodge has forbidden the Grand Master from exercising his prerogative in this particular.

Under the topic "Weak Lodges" the Grand Master recommends raising the minimum fee for the degrees and the establishment of a minimum amount for annual dues. As such requirements would necessitate a change in the law we recommend the reference of this topic to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. We also recommend that so much as is said by the Grand Master under the heads "Making Ministers Masons Free," "Grand Lodge Funds," "Decisions," and "Dispensations Issued" be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Master suggests consideration of the re-establishment of the Grand Representative system in our Grand Lodge. That this

matter may have careful attention we recommend the reference of this topic to a special committee of three members of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reports an unusual number of official visits to lodges and speaks of the actual value of these visits to the recipients of such official favor. None will question the value of such visits, especially when made by the Grand Master in person. If these visits or inspections were made by duly accredited representatives of the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Masters, they would not possess just the same degree of interest to the membership, but, in the judgment of this committee, would still be of great benefit to the craft. A number of Grand Jurisdictions have districts and District Deputy Grand Masters. Any such change in our Grand Jurisdiction would be of so much importance that we are of the opinion that it should only be adopted, if deemed advisable, after mature consideration, and hence we recommend the reference of this subject to a special committee of three brethren, to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, and to report next year.

Under the head of "Cipher Rituals" the Grand Master states some plain truths, which have in some manner often presented themselves to the minds of most of the members of this Grand Body. Taken as a whole, however, it can be said that the facilities for committing the work are better than formerly, and this is now especially true on account of the large number of District Lecturers who have been commissioned.

The present method of disseminating the work has proved to be a great advancement over that formerly employed; much credit is due to the Custodians and District Lecturers, and the Grand Master very properly gives special commendation to the private schools of instruction. It would cost a lodge little more to obtain a District Lecturer and hold a private school, where the whole lodge could derive benefit, than to send a single representative to a district school. We commend his remarks upon this subject as timely.

Under the heading "Suggestions" the Grand Master states several matters that are well to be remembered, and we commend these paragraphs to the thoughtful consideration of the members of Grand Lodge.

With grateful acknowledgment for assistance rendered to him by his fellow Grand Officers and advisers, for courtesies received during the year, and with expressions of lofty sentiment that cannot fail to stir the heart of every true Mason, the Grand Master brings his address to a close. For him the year has been a busy one and he will retire from his exalted station with a feeling of satisfaction that he has discharged his full duty to the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK W. CRAIG,

S. C. HUBER,

F. E. STERNBERG,

Committee.

FURTHER REPORT FROM COMMITTEE.

Brother S. C. Huber (203) presented a further report from the committee, being that on Grand Secretary's report, which, on motion, was—

Unanimously adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Address beg leave to report its careful examination of the report of the Grand Secretary. As usual, Grand Secretary Parvin has prepared a good, plain, detailed account of the work of his office for the year. His report shows proper care in conducting all the details of the work of the Grand Secretary's office and a gratifying upbuilding in the fraternity and its temporal affairs.

The Grand Secretary mentions several matters that are of peculiar interest to Secretaries of lodges, and we admonish those officers to read and to heed what he says.

We consider the work that he has done in the way of furnishing identification cards to members of lodges as meritorious, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to annually procure and furnish to the Secretaries of lodges, free of cost to the lodges, a sufficient number of such cards so that each member may be provided with one.

This committee regard the list of regular lodges as a very valuable aid to the brethren, and we recommend that the Committee on Finance be instructed to make suitable appropriation to cover the cost of a sufficient number of up to date lists to provide one for each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are particularly due to our Past Grand Treasurers for their generosity in providing the furnishings and fittings for the reading room in the Library Annex. The loyalty and liberality of these brethren is most praiseworthy.

We recommend that so much of Grand Secretary's report as relates to black cloth Volume XXI be referred to the Committee on Finance; that so much as relates to a new edition of the Code be referred to the Trustees of Grand Lodge, and so much as relates to uniform blanks and to defunct lodge records be referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK W. CRAIG,

S. C. HUBER,

F. E. STERNBERG,

Committee.

TELEGRAM.

The following telegram was received from Brother Jos. E. Morcombe (25), Historian.

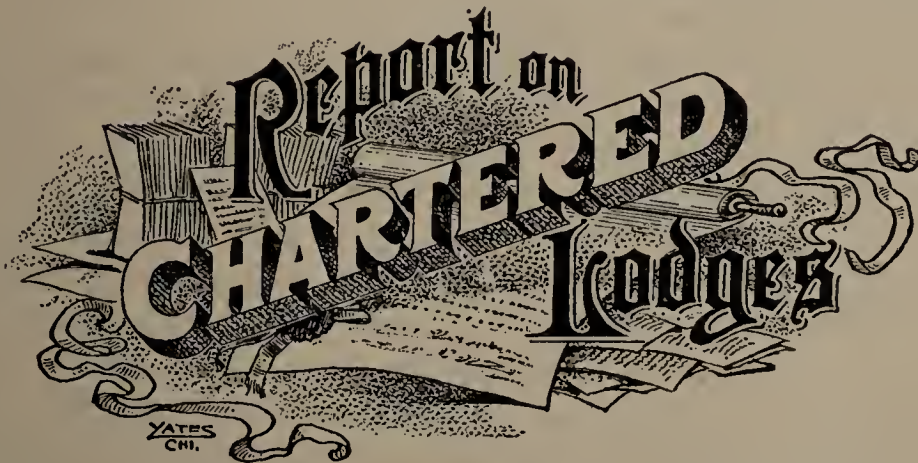
Same ordered entered of record in the minutes.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., June 1, 1909.

N. R. Parvin, Grand Secretary, Masonic Grand Lodge Headquarters, Davenport, Iowa:

The position and quality of Iowa Masonry are such that good wishes and congratulations are almost superfluous. I would I were with you.

J. E. MORCOMBE, *Historian*.



Brother F. S. Moses (255) presented and read the report of the committee. On motion, same was—

Unanimously adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



WE WOULD respectfully submit for your consideration our report of the net results of the annual returns of chartered lodges as made for the year ending December 31, 1908, and of such other duties and activities as have been referred to this committee since the last communication of Grand Lodge.

As an introduction we desire to correct any impression that this committee, either by itself or in connection with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, ingeniously schemes to make the Secretaries and Masters of the various lodges all the additional work possible. We have been accused of such intention by the sundry good brothers, either in jest or earnest, and from several years connection with this committee, acknowledge that the charge has some basis, but we earnestly assure you that all of the corrections, reports, or information called for are solely for the purpose (first) of enabling us to have every item of the annual returns check "correct," and (second) for the purpose of eventually lightening the future labors of the Secretaries of the various lodges, the Grand Secretary's office, and of this committee.

This first purpose we could do no less than insist upon, under our obligations, and the second purpose is now almost attained. The many letters written by this committee are only those that are absolutely necessary to secure accuracy, and to see that the "laws, rules, and regulations" of the Code governing these matters are carefully complied with. All this involves more labor on the part of the committee or the Grand Secretary's office than it does on the officers of a particular lodge, and we would not knowingly make trouble for either you or ourselves. From "the other fellow's" point of view, we realize that this persistent checking of errors—calling for additional information as to dates, names, initials, etc., etc.—is often very irritating, particularly if the Secretary addressed has as many duties and cares as one who writes us in extenuation of an error noted in his annual report, as follows:

"I feel very much put out to think that after trying so hard to get my report correct this year, that I failed. I feel assured that you will judge me with charity when I tell you some of my woes. I am justice of the peace, notary public, insurance agent, mayor, collector of bad debts, commander of G. A. R., manager of drum corps, secretary of lodge, president of soldiers' relief, Shriner, and *married man* with two kids. I hardly know at times what I am trying to do, and I trust you will fraternally pardon me."

This brother certainly has our pardon and fraternal sympathy, as have all other harrassed brethren who are often performing their Masonic duties at great inconvenience to themselves.

The system of forms, blanks, letters, etc., issued and used in securing and auditing returns from chartered lodges during the past year was the same as have been in use for several years. All returns were received within the time prescribed by law (January 25th) except one necessarily held for the signature of an absent Master. Of the 515 working lodges, 347 made returns that were financially correct, and 246 sent reports that were correct in every detail. The committee were obliged to send out 417 letters to complete an accurate, balanced report, of which 49 were to lodges that had to be addressed the second time to receive attention. Thirty-six lodges again made the error of computing Grand Lodge dues on their net membership, instead of on those who had been on their rolls during the year. The corrections increased the amount due Grand Lodge in 90 cases, and decreased the amount due Grand Lodge in 23 cases. Total amount of net increase by corrections being \$110.00.

We present for your consideration the usual—

RECAPITULATION.

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| Initiated | 2,720 | |
| Passed | 2,753 | |
| Raised | 2,766 | |
| Admitted | 645 | |
| Reinstated | 240 | |
| Lodges chartered 1908 | 111 | |
| Names omitted previous reports..... | 3 | |
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| Total increase | 3,765 | —3,765 |
| Demitted | 1,104 | |
| Died | 611 | |
| Suspended for non-payment of dues..... | 427 | |
| Suspended for unmasonic conduct..... | 4 | |
| Expelled | 12 | |
| Withdrawn | 12 | |
| Extinct lodge, charter surrendered..... | 24 | |
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| Total decrease | 2,194 | —2,194 |
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| Net increase | 1,571 | |
| Total members 1908 | 39,504 | |
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| Total members 1909..... | 41,075 | |
| Total receipts from lodges, account fees and dues..... | \$35,650.00 | |

From a careful study of the details of the returns, we are assured that as a whole the condition of Iowa Masonry is normal. The net increase in our membership is satisfactory. As prophesied several years ago, an increase of membership among the lodges in strictly farming localities can hardly be expected, the communities being as thickly settled as they probably will be for many years, and new material necessarily scarce. We note that in 126 of these lodges the decrease was greater than the increase, and in 44 others the increase and decrease exactly balanced. Iowa evidently still maintains its reputation for scattering its sons into every nook and corner of the world. Only 18 of the above lodges report no work done, and all of these items are smaller than reported a year ago.

The lodges in the growing cities and towns are uniformly increasing in numbers and strength. Capital Lodge, No. 110, has raised 48, admitted 25, and reinstated 3, making a total increase of 76 and a net increase of 45. Waterloo Lodge, No. 105, comes a close second, with 43 raised and 25 admitted, showing a total increase of 68 and a net increase of 43. A number of the smaller lodges have shown an equal percentage of increase.

The death roll of this jurisdiction during the past year is the largest in number and percentage of which we have record. The suspensions for non-payment of dues average only about one per cent of our total membership, or less than one for each lodge. The de-

missions, while less in total number than for several years, are more than our gain from admissions and new lodges chartered, and we fraternally admonish the Masters to make every effort to secure the affiliation of all demitted worthy brethren in their respective localities.

In the recapitulation one item shows the charter surrendered with a decrease of twenty-four members. This was Atlas Lodge, No. 484, Cumberland, and while the surrender occurred in the early part of 1908, making it of record in this report, we would call attention to the fact that during the administration of Grand Master Martin no lodge has surrendered its charter. One or two lodges that had intimated such an intention, were promptly visited by Brother Martin, imbued with a portion of his energy and enthusiasm for Masonry, and given a new lease of life.

A less number than usual of the lodges show conditions or items in the reports that apparently call for investigation or help "for the good of the order," and these few cases have been considered by the Grand Master or this committee and been adjusted—none of the cases being of a serious enough character to warrant any specified report on same.

We find that an occasional discrepancy arises, due to the fact that one lodge demits a brother under date of its December regular meeting, according to its records and reports, and later the demitted brother applies for membership to another lodge with the demit dated in January or February of the following year, instead of December. The receiving lodge then lawfully claims remission of Grand Lodge dues on this brother. In such cases the committee has charged the Grand Lodge dues against the lodge issuing a demit dated in the fiscal year. The demit should always bear the date of the demission.

One case of dual membership was discovered during the year, arising from a case of invasion of jurisdiction several years ago, which was not reported to the Grand Master at the time as it should have been, but privately settled between the two lodges by the payment of the fees as claimed, both lodges carrying the brother on their rolls. By order of the Grand Master this committee thoroughly investigated the case and determined the status of the brother. We recommend the remission to one of these lodges of the Grand Lodge fees and dues as paid over on this member by *both* lodges, owing to a lack of official instruction at the time of the controversy.

It is with some little pride that we call attention to the fact that we present a report in exact balance, both as to finances and membership. One is hardly possible without the other, and it is a difficult matter to handle the reports of 515 lodges, involving over 43,000 names and achieve this result. We believe that we have now an exceedingly well organized system for handling and verifying annual returns, and with the completion of the card index, to which we will refer later, the future clerical labors of each lodge, the Grand Secretary's office, and this committee will be still further simplified.

In this connection, we could do no less than call particular attention to the fact that this result is largely due to the labor and ability of our present Grand Master, Brother Martin, who has served on this committee with skill, industry, and zeal for many years.

The extremely trying audit and clerical work of this committee has been for the second year most satisfactorily attended to by Miss Helen Donnan, of the Grand Secretary's office force, and we feel that her able assistance is worthy of special commendation.

We desire to thank the Masters and Secretaries of the various lodges for their generally prompt and courteous responses to all correspondence, and note with pleasure their earnest desire to have their returns and records correct and in proper shape.

UNIFORM BLANKS.

Owing to the institution of the card index, which will undoubtedly be completed during the coming year, it will be necessary to change the form of blanks for annual returns for next year. While this would naturally be efficiently attended to by the Grand Secretary and the incoming committee, there is another proposition immediately connected with this item to which we desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge.

The experience of this committee and the Grand Secretary's office for many years has been that a large proportion of the errors and irregularities of records arise from the fact that the jurisdiction is flooded with blanks for various forms as required by law, which are printed by outside firms dealing in Masonic supplies, but which are decidedly not in regular form as prescribed by our Code. Many reports have called attention to this situation in previous years, but for some reason it has apparently been nobody's business to attend to the same, and no appropriation has been made to carry out a project of securing a series of uniform and lawful blanks for the special use of Iowa lodges. We consider that this is an excellent time to take up this matter, and to that end earnestly recommend that the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and the chairman of the Committee on Chartered Lodges be authorized as a joint special committee to prepare a complete set of all standard blanks and books as required by our laws for the use of the Grand Lodge and all the subordinate lodges—have such quantities of the same as are expedient printed and prepared for use, and a complete set of samples of the same furnished each lodge, with instruction that no other than these authorized blanks or forms are to be used in the future.

We shall ask that a suitable appropriation be reported to carry out the above plan, if it is the pleasure of this Grand Lodge, and that this project shall include the furnishing to each lodge of suf-

ficient number of the identification cards to supply one of the same to each brother on payment of his dues. This identification card, under seal of the Grand Lodge, is positively required as documentary evidence of membership in many other jurisdictions, and its use should certainly be continued, with the additional stipulation engraved on the same that the possession of such certificate does not entitle the holder to a waiver of the usual avouchment or examination.

CARD INDEX OF MEMBERSHIP.

For at least five years this committee, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Masters have been persistently recommending the adoption of a card index system of registration for all the Masons of Iowa now in good standing. At our last previous communication of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Hunter further urged the installation of this system in his address, and an appropriation was made for the same, the details of installation being referred to the Board of Trustees, the Grand Secretary, and this committee, under the order of the Grand Master. The Grand Secretary promptly collected data from many other Grand Jurisdictions and like users of card systems, and patient and careful investigation was made of the proposition from all angles. For various reasons the details could not be fully decided upon and active work begun on the project until April of this year, since which time excellent progress has been made along the most approved lines, and another year will see this important matter completed. The system as adopted calls for one general line of name cards, including that of every Mason on the returns of this Grand Jurisdiction, carefully indexed with most complete modern alphabetical indices, showing at a glance whether a person of a certain name is a Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction, and the number and name of the particular lodge to which he belongs, together with other distinguishing information necessary or obtainable. Another complete and corresponding line of name cards will be filed by lodges, each of these bearing the personal Masonic history of each brother as gleaned from the current and future returns of the lodges, thus furnishing a permanent and easily accessible record of each and every one who is now, or may become in the future, a member of the craft in Iowa, showing all data from initiation or affiliation to installation as Grand Master.

The installation of this system will do away with the present tedious and cumbersome method of annually copying, checking, and filing the entire membership of the lodge on each annual return, as the report of all work, increase and decrease, for the calendar year will only be necessary. This will make a total of only some 6,000 names to be entered and audited each year by the lodge Secretaries and Grand Secretary instead of some 43,000 as at present, and it is expected to do away with a large percentage of errors in returns that vex all concerned under the former system.

In the selection of the cards, files, and indices, we have taken the position that only supplies of the best quality and affording the utmost convenience and permanence were such as were worthy for our purposes, and these have been obtained. As a preliminary to entering the membership, in order to remove the last possible chance of inaccuracy and secure as much data as possible for one handling of the card by the office, a typewritten roster of each lodge was made out from the latest returns and submitted to the Secretary of each lodge for final correction, filling in of given names instead of only initials, and dates of initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation. We confess that it was with some reluctance that we adopted this measure, not because we doubted its great value in proportion to the expense incurred, but for fear that we would arouse a wail of protest from the Masters and Secretaries of the lodges on account of having an additional task imposed on them. We note with much pleasure that our fears appear to have been groundless, as 315 of the lodges have promptly returned the rosters very fully filled in as requested. Many Secretaries have acknowledged the help and stimulus that this idea has given them as to fully completing and keeping such record for their own benefit, and many, we find, have been so systematic in their records and accounts that the information was easily accessible and cheerfully supplied. This has been particularly true of the larger lodges, and would be equally so of all lodges if they had carefully complied with Section 113 of the Code, which states each lodge "is required" to keep such a register, and Section 83, which makes it one of the duties of the Secretary to make the records in same.

In this connection we would say that it will be the endeavor of the Grand Secretary to furnish such data from this index as will enable those lodges which do not have a complete register of their membership to institute, check up, or complete such a record, and keep it properly in the future if they desire same.

That there is reasonable excuse in some cases for inability to supply complete data—and a sound argument for the necessity of this card index system—we find upon examination that we have a list of 96 lodges that have lost all or some part of their records by fire or cyclone.

Brother Parvin has been successful in securing a very competent and rapid assistant to take charge of the card index, Miss P. F. Glick, who has made a very complete report of the work accomplished on this project up to May 18th, which this committee will be pleased to have any brethren interested examine.

The entire roster of 41,075 names have been typewritten on the lodge lists, with specimen of data required, and mailed to the respective lodges, with 515 circular and 515 personal letters accompanying same.

Forty-one thousand and seventy-five buff cards have been filled in with the name and number of the lodge, and placed in filing case.

Twenty-two thousand of these cards have added the names of members.

Twenty-four thousand white cards have name and number of lodge filled in, and are placed in filing case, of which over two thousand have added the individual names with complete data of degrees.

One thousand seven hundred and ten letters have been written and mailed in regard to various items of information required or asked for by others, and in sending out or acknowledging receipt of lists and data.

This committee would report that they are fully satisfied that this important project is now successfully under way under a system that promises to enable us to finish before another communication of this Grand Lodge a most complete and practical card index of the entire current membership of this jurisdiction, with all necessary data thereon, at a less expense than has usually accompanied a work of this magnitude.

The appropriation made for the past year will be about two-thirds exhausted, including expenditures for machine, filing cases, stamps, etc., that should more properly be charged against an account of permanent furniture for the Grand Secretary's office, and a supply of cards that will be sufficient for several years. We believe that an additional appropriation of \$800 will be amply sufficient to complete the present project during the coming year, and shall ask the Finance Committee to report the same, and the Grand Lodge to approve it. We estimate there will be an annual saving of at least \$150 on printing, postage, and labor in connection with the annual returns after this system is completed.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK S. MOSES,

MILO J. GABRIEL,

R. H. MALONY,

Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Brother C. T. Granger (154), Past Grand Master, called attention of the Grand Lodge to the proposed amendment to the Constitution as presented last year. On motion of Brother Fellows, action thereon was—

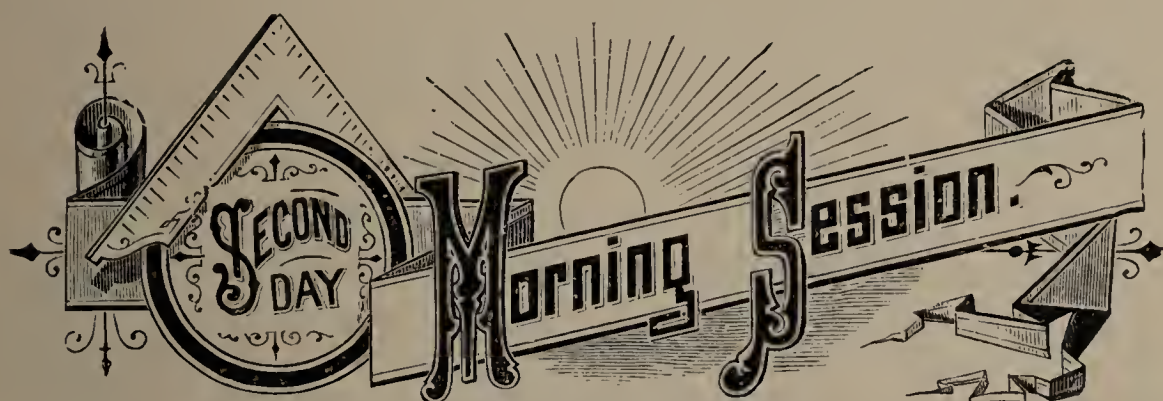
Postponed until tomorrow.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

Attest:

Newton R. Parvin
Grand Secretary.



WEDNESDAY, June 2, A. D. 1909.

CALLED TO LABOR.



THE HOUR, 9 o'clock, to which the Grand Lodge was called off, having arrived, Grand Master P. J. Martin (105) called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor.

PRAYER.

Rev. Brother Walter H. Rollins (105), Grand Chaplain led the brethren in their devotional exercises.

OPENING ODE.

The brethren then joined in singing the opening ode.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the first day's session were read by Grand Secretary N. R. Parvin (4). Same were—
Approved.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS (Second).

Brother J. H. Shipley (465) presented supplementary report on credentials. Same was received and committee—
Ordered continued.
(See printed report on page 300.)

PRESENTATION OF SUNDRY PAPERS.

The Grand Secretary stated that several petitions had been received from subordinate lodges asking approval of their action in restoration of expelled members.

Referred to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Brother C. T. Granger (154), Past Grand Master, called attention to the amendment of Section I, Article 4, of the Constitution, which had received the approval of the Grand Lodge in 1908, final action on which, under the law, was postponed until this session, and moved its adoption. Same was—

Agreed to.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold one regular communication each year, commencing on the second Tuesday of June, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Master announced that the amendment to the Constitution was adopted by more than two-thirds vote, and thus made a part of the law of the Grand Lodge.

DISSEMINATION OF WORK.

Brother C. T. Granger (154), Past Grand Master, as one of the Custodians, presented a paper relative to the dissemination of the "work and lectures." After reading the same he made request that the Custodians be permitted to comply with the suggestions made therein and that copy be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, but omitted from the printed report. Same was—

Agreed to.

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REPORT OF TRUSTEES GRAND CHARITY FUND.

Brother Thomas Lambert (169), Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund in printed form, and—

Moved that so much as refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the balance of report as presented be adopted.

On motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



THE Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund herewith respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending June 1, 1909, as follows:

The term of Brother George W. Ball, as Trustee, having expired, he was, on June 4th, reappointed for for another term of six years by Most Worshipful Grand Master P. J. Martin.

Under the law, the organization of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, for their respective terms of office, is as follows:

James D. Gamble, Secretary, term expires in 1910.

Thomas Lambert, Chairman, term expires in 1912.

George W. Ball, Treasurer, term expires in 1914.

EXHIBITS.—In the appendix hereto we submit the following exhibits:

- (A) Financial report of Treasurer of the Board.
- (B) List of loans and investments of the Permanent Fund.
- (C) Statement of disbursements from the Temporary Fund.
- (D) List of relief appropriations recommended.

PERMANENT FUND.—Since our last report the following changes and investments have been made: Cash received from Grand Lodge, regular apportionment, \$1,000; cash from Grand Lodge, special appropriation, \$3,000. From Temporary Fund, excess of \$1,000, \$278.02; cash on Charles Hospodorsky loan, \$100; cash on Louisa Helman loan, \$400; cash on Iowa City bonds, \$400, making the total receipts for the year \$5,178.02.

During the year we made the following investments: Loaned Levi B. Pickering on first mortgage on 160 acres of land in Muscatine county, at 5 per cent, \$4,000. Iowa City improvement bonds Nos. 7 and 10, for \$292.67 each—\$585.34, making total investments of \$4,585.34. It will be seen by reference to Exhibit A that the Permanent Fund was nearly all bearing interest up to April 27, 1909, since which time \$800 has been paid in on loan and bonds. Exhibit B shows that the total amount of the Permanent Fund is \$22,455.11, of which \$17,000.00 is invested in notes secured by good Iowa farm mortgages, bearing 5, 5½, and 6 per cent; \$4,503.57 in Iowa City improvement bonds bearing 6 per cent, and \$951.54 cash on hand.

TEMPORARY FUND.—The balance on hand in the Temporary Fund, as shown in Exhibit A, is \$1,810.05, the largest balance that we have

had for some years, but the amount required for the ensuing year will be considerably more than we have used during the past year. The continuous relief asked for this year, as shown in Exhibit D, is \$4,921.00, almost \$900.00 more than was asked for last year, and in addition to this we have several cases under consideration which came into our hands too late for action previous to the filing of this report, so that the demands for the ensuing year will probably be the largest since the Grand Charity Fund was established.

RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS.—At the June, 1908, session the Grand Lodge authorized continued relief in thirty-one cases, aggregating \$4,053.00, and during the year the Trustees found it necessary to allow \$921.37 additional, making a total of \$4,974.37, which, with the balances remaining from last year and the amounts contributed by the local lodges, makes a total of \$6,335.25 to be accounted for by our local Trustees for the year ending May 20, 1909.

Exhibit C shows the amount remitted to the local Trustees in each case, together with the balance (if any) remaining in their hands from last year, the amount contributed by the local lodge (if any), and the amount disbursed by each during the year, with the balance (if any) now remaining in his hands. The latter balance will, in many cases, be exhausted before the new appropriation is available, and, in others, it represents allowances recently made by the Trustees which will meet the requirements of the case for some time.

CONTINUED RELIEF.—In Exhibit D we submit a list of the appropriations which we consider it necessary for this Grand Lodge to authorize for the continued support and relief of the persons therein named for the ensuing year. The conditions and requirements in each case have been carefully investigated, and we believe each person named therein is in need of and justly entitled to continued relief in the sums named. The amounts asked for are exclusive of the funds contributed by local lodges in a number of cases, and we recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize the appropriations set forth in Exhibit D.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES.—While Exhibit C shows that we have assisted in forty-five cases during the past year, this by no means represents the number of individuals that have been benefited by the disbursement of your Grand Charity Fund. Those forty-five cases include twenty-four Master Masons, fifteen of whose wives are still living, nineteen widows and sixty-six orphans of deceased brother Masons, making a total of one hundred and twenty-four persons who are the direct beneficiaries of this fund.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.—While this report will show a substantial balance in the Temporary Fund (all of which in excess of \$1,000 must, under the law, be transferred to the Permanent Fund), Exhibit D also shows an unusual demand upon this fund. The magnificent special appropriations made by the Grand Lodge in 1907 and

1908, for the Permanent Fund, have added materially to the available funds for relief purposes, but the demands have increased proportionately, and it would not be safe to try to get through the coming year without the usual \$1,000 additional appropriation for the Temporary Fund. Exhibit D shows that the appropriations which the Grand Lodge will make this year aggregate \$4,921, nearly \$900 more than was appropriated last year, and the largest sum the Grand Lodge has ever appropriated since this fund was established. In view of this we believe that the regular \$1,000 in addition to the percentage will be necessary to meet the requirements of the coming year. We therefore recommend that the Finance Committee report an extra appropriation of \$1,000 for the Temporary Fund, as has been done in past years.

CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION.—The balance shown on hand in this fund is \$111.85, but this will be reduced to about \$90 before the close of the year by expenses which will be incurred in a case too late to include in this report. During the past year the chairman has visited all of the more important cases, when amount of relief granted is considered, at a total traveling expense of \$74.92, and the knowledge thus gained by a personal visit has been of great assistance in enabling us to meet the requirements and conditions existing in each individual case. We believe that \$100 should be set aside for the Contingent Fund, and recommend that the Finance Committee report to the Grand Lodge an appropriation of \$100 for the ensuing year. The appropriation last year was \$150.

MRS. SUSAN FOWLER RELIEF.—Since February, 1907, Wapsinonoc Lodge, No. 381, of West Branch, Iowa, has been contributing \$20 and the Grand Lodge from its Grand Charity Fund \$100 per year for the assistance of Mrs. Susan Fowler, the aged and dependent widow of Brother Milton D. Fowler, deceased, a former member of Bartlett Lodge, No. 293, of Bartlett, Ohio. In our last report we recommended that inasmuch as Bartlett Lodge had failed to respond to recent requests to bear at least a part of the expense, that the matter be taken up with the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with a view of having the Grand Charity Fund and Wapsinonoc Lodge reimbursed for the expenses incurred in caring for the widow of a deceased brother of that jurisdiction. During the year a correspondence was opened with Most Worshipful Grand Master C. S. Hoskinson, Zanesville, Ohio, who courteously replied that under their laws he could not take action in the matter, and that it would be necessary to refer it to their Committee on Charity sometime previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which convenes at Cleveland next October. In view of the conditions existing your Trustees will, soon after the close of this Grand Lodge, prepare a statement of the facts in the premises, with an itemized account of money appropriated by the Grand Lodge and Wapsinonoc Lodge, and submit it to the Committee on Charity of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as provided by the laws of that Grand Jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.—The recommendations for continuous relief which we submit for your consideration and final action, in Exhibit D, have received the most careful consideration by us, and we believe that the merits and requirements of each case are beyond question, and that every dollar asked for is actually needed to provide the necessary comforts of life for those who are dependent upon us. Most of the cases have been visited personally during the past year, and while we have decreased the allowance in one case, because of the children having become self-supporting, we have increased it in several, because in our judgment the amounts heretofore allowed were not sufficient to meet the actual and necessary requirements of the case. In no case have we found any evidence of a misuse of the funds, and in every instance there was evidence of economy and good judgment in the use of the funds that you give. Owing to an unusual number of new cases, and a careful personal investigation of many of the old ones, more than the usual amount of work has fallen upon your Trustees during the past year, but it has been a pleasant duty that we performed, and the efficient management and courteous treatment of the local Trustees has aided very materially in accomplishing the great good that your Grand Charity Fund makes possible.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS LAMBERT,
JAMES D. GAMBLE,
GEORGE W. BALL,
Trustees.

[Exhibit A.]

APPENDIX.

Financial Report of Treasurer Board of Trustees Grand Charity Fund.

GEORGE W. BALL, *Treasurer of Grand Charity Fund,*

In account with the Grand Lodge of Iowa:

TEMPORARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1908.

| | | | |
|-------|-----|---|------------|
| June | 1. | To cash balance on hand..... | \$1,278.02 |
| June | 4. | To cash Grand Lodge, regular apportionment.. | 3,326.24 |
| June | 4. | To cash Grand Lodge, extra appropriation..... | 1,000.00 |
| June | 11. | To cash interest on Lindley Heald loan..... | 210.00 |
| June | 18. | To cash delinquent interest on above..... | 2.00 |
| June | 20. | To cash interest on L. F. Chamberlain loan.... | 66.00 |
| Sept. | 19. | To cash returned by Trustee for Clark Cook.... | 67.72 |
| Dec. | 15. | To cash returned by Trustee for C. H. Beckett.. | 12.50 |

1909.

| | | | |
|-------|-----|---|--------|
| Jan. | 2. | To cash interest on Nye Patterson loan..... | 50.00 |
| March | 17. | To cash interest on Chas. Hospodorsky loan.... | 72.00 |
| March | 17. | To cash interest on Chas. Hospodorsky loan.... | 33.00 |
| March | 29. | To cash interest on Lindley Heald loan..... | 210.00 |
| April | 3. | To cash interest on John Bezdek loan..... | 99.00 |
| April | 14. | To cash interest on Iowa City bonds..... | 272.50 |
| April | 27. | To cash interest on Louisa Helman loan..... | 132.00 |
| April | 27. | To cash delinquent interest on above..... | .90 |
| May | 12. | To cash interest on Iowa City bonds..... | 2.66 |
| May | 22. | To cash interest on Isabella Mason loan..... | 79.90 |
| May | 22. | To cash interest on same to Sept. 12, 1909..... | 78.00 |

Total receipts \$6,992.44

DISBURSEMENTS.

Made in installments from June 5, 1908, to May 25, 1909,
for the relief of brother Master Masons, their widows,
and orphans, as shown by Exhibit C, and transfer
to Permanent Fund

\$5,182.39

Cash balance on hand.....

\$1,810.05

CONTINGENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1908.

June 1. To cash balance on hand.....\$ 87.92

June 4. To cash from Grand Lodge..... 150.00

Total receipts \$ 237.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

1908.

June 8. Postage, telegrams, etc., for Trustees.....\$ 30.00

1909.

April 26. Supply cabinet for Chairman's office..... 11.00

May 7. Traveling expense Chairman during year..... 74.92

May 7. Blanks 6.75

May 11. Recording and expense Treasurer's office..... 3.40

Total disbursements \$ 126.07

Cash balance on hand..... \$ 111.85

PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1908.

June 1. To cash balance on hand last report.....\$ 358.86

June 4. To cash excess of \$1,000 from Temporary Fund. 278.02

June 4. To cash Grand Lodge, regular..... 1,000.00

June 4. To cash from Grand Lodge, special appropriation 3,000.00

1909.

March 17. To cash paid on Chas. Hospodorsky loan..... 100.00

April 27. To cash paid on Louisa Helman loan..... 400.00

May 12. To cash paid Iowa City bonds Nos. 69 and 70... 400.00

Total receipts \$5,536.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

1908.

Nov. 11. By cash loaned Levi B. Pickering.....\$4,000.00

Nov. 14. By cash Iowa City imp. bonds, Nos. 7 and 10.. 585.34

Total disbursements \$4,585.34

Balance cash on hand..... \$ 951.54

[Exhibit B.]

PERMANENT FUND INVESTED.

The Permanent Fund investments, the securities being in the hands of the
Treasurer of the Board, are as follows:

Nye Patterson loan, mortgage, 5 per cent annually.....\$ 1,000.00

L. F. Chamberlain loan, mortgage, 5½ per cent annually..... 1,200.00

Isabella Mason *et al.*, mortgage, 6 per cent annually..... 1,300.00

Chas. Hospodorsky, mortgage, 5½ and 6 per cent annually..... 1,700.00

Louisa Helman, mortgage, 6 per cent..... 1,800.00

Lindley Heald, mortgage, 5 per cent..... 4,200.00

John, George, and William Bezdek, mortgage, 5½ per cent..... 1,800.00

Levi B. Pickering, mortgage, 5 per cent..... 4,000.00

Total loaned on real estate security.....\$17,000.00

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| Twenty-one Iowa City improvement bonds, all bearing 6 per cent, payable annually, April 1st of each year..... | 4,503.57 |
| Total Permanent Fund invested..... | \$21,503.57 |
| Cash on hand in Permanent Fund..... | 951.54 |
| Total Permanent Fund | \$22,455.11 |

The balance on hand in the Permanent Fund is somewhat larger than usual, but reference to Exhibit A will show that \$800 of the amount was paid in only a short time before the closing of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

May 26, 1909. GEORGE W. BALL, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved:
JAMES D. GAMBLE,
THOMAS LAMBERT,
Trustees.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM TEMPORARY FUND FOR THE
RELIEF OF PERSONS NAMED.

[NOTE.—As this table embraces the disbursements up to May 20th only, many of the balances shown as on hand will be largely exhausted before another appropriation is available.]

| Name of Beneficiary. | Lodge of Beneficiary's Present Membership or of Husband's or Father's Former Membership. | | Name of Local Trustee Having Charge of Funds Contributed. | Appropriation for 1908-1909. | Remitted to Trustee for Disbursement. | Balance in Hands of Trustee Last Year. | Contributed by Lodge Named. | Total to Account for. | Expenditures for 1908-1909. | Balance in Hands of Trustee. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|--|-----|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Name of Lodge. | No. | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel Lindsey . . . | Otley | 299 | Perry | \$ | \$ | \$ 15 00 | \$ | \$ 15 00 | \$ 15 00 | \$ | |
| J. D. Bryan | Red Oak | 162 | Red Oak | 96 00 | 96 00 | | 48 00 | 144 00 | 144 00 | | Deceased |
| J. R. Orvis | Pleiades | 248 | Fayette | 250 00 | 250 00 | 1 00 | | 251 00 | 230 00 | 21 00 | |
| John Wallerick . . . | Talleyrand (Ex.) . . . | 353 | Talleyrand | 140 00 | 140 00 | | | 140 00 | 100 00 | 40 00 | |
| Thomas George . . . | Instruction | 275 | Corning | 100 00 | 100 00 | 8 00 | 100 00 | 208 00 | 192 00 | 16 00 | |
| P. D. Widger | Pleiades | 248 | Fayette | 125 00 | 125 00 | | 25 00 | 150 00 | 150 00 | | |
| A. A. Allen | Pearl | 426 | Sheffield | 100 00 | 100 00 | 60 00 | | 160 00 | 105 00 | 55 00 | |
| Robert Cleland . . . | Model | 315 | St. Charles | 144 00 | 144 00 | 22 | 61 48 | 205 70 | 190 70 | 15 00 | |
| J. F. Webb | Charity | 197 | Coon Rapids | 120 00 | 120 00 | 10 00 | | 130 00 | 120 00 | 10 00 | |
| E. J. Norris | Enterprise | 332 | Sioux Rapids | 120 00 | 120 00 | | 60 00 | 180 00 | 180 00 | | |
| Clark Cook | Garfield | 485 | Hedrick | 200 00 | 100 00 | 39 22 | | 139 22 | 71 50 | 67 72 | Decd., Bal. ret. |
| W. A. Gates | Trojan | 548 | Marion | 50 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | 16 00 | 76 00 | 76 00 | | |
| J. K. Gile | Clayton | 70 | Monona | 140 00 | 140 00 | 40 00 | | 180 00 | 180 00 | | |
| D. M. Davis | Richland | 38 | Richland | 150 00 | 150 00 | 40 90 | 17 10 | 208 00 | 142 78 | 65 22 | D. B. C. for W. |
| W. H. Nickel | Good Shepherd | 414 | Lucas | 200 00 | 200 00 | | 103 55 | 308 55 | 308 55 | | Decd., note a. |
| Howard B. Talbott . . | Celestial | 413 | Douds-Leando | | | 11 65 | 56 50 | 68 15 | 68 15 | | Deceased |
| J. R. Morrow . . . | Radiant | 366 | Alden | 150 00 | 150 00 | | | 150 00 | 147 68 | 2 32 | |
| W. J. Beck | Ruby | 415 | Macedonia | | | 25 00 | | 25 00 | 25 00 | | Assts. dis. con. |
| James Russell | Adelphi | 353 | Keota | 175 00 | 175 00 | 24 88 | | 199 88 | 143 91 | 55 97 | |
| Geo. I. Bolton | Northern Light | 266 | Northwood | 100 00 | 25 00 | | 12 50 | 37 50 | 25 00 | 12 50 | Decd. bal. ret. |
| Isam P. Allen | Lafayette | 52 | Montezuma | 100 00 | 100 00 | | | 100 00 | 40 00 | 60 00 | |
| R. J. Patterson . . . | Orange | 123 | Guthrie Center | 60 00 | 60 00 | | | 60 00 | 50 00 | 10 00 | |
| John Rea | Newton | 59 | Newton | 117 50 | 117 50 | | 82 50 | 200 00 | 200 00 | | |
| Wm. Dodds | Abiff | 347 | Sutherland | 120 00 | 120 00 | | 40 00 | 160 00 | 110 81 | 49 19 | See note b. |

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.—CONTINUED.

| Name of Beneficiary. | Lodge of Beneficiary's Present Membership, or of Husband's or Father's Former Membership. | | Name of Local Trustee Having Charge of Funds Contributed. | Appropriation for 1908-1909. | Remitted to Trustee for Disbursement. | Balance in Hands of Trustee Last Year. | Contributed by Lodge Named. | Total to Account for. | Expenditures for 1908-1909. | Balance in Hands of Trustee. | Remarks. |
|----------------------|---|-----|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| | Name of Lodge. | No. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mrs. Minnie Hogue | Remembrance... | 375 | Davis City..... | \$ 50 00 | 50 00 | \$..... | \$..... | 50 00 | \$ 10 75 | \$ 39 25 | ..... |
| Mrs. Amda. Russell | Twin Lakes..... | 478 | Rockwell City..... | 91 00 | 91 00 | ..... | ..... | 91 00 | 81 00 | 10 00 | ..... |
| Mrs. Bessie Webb.. | Good Shepherd.. | 414 | Lucas..... | 142 87 | 142 87 | ..... | ..... | 142 87 | 142 87 | ..... | ..... |
| Miss Susan Doughty | Abingdon..... | 104 | Abingdon..... | 50 00 | 50 00 | ..... | 23 25 | 73 25 | 73 25 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Martha Olsen | Radiant..... | 366 | Alden..... | 92 00 | 92 00 | ..... | ..... | 120 69 | 120 69 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. C. E. George.. | Copestone..... | 316 | Calmar..... | 250 00 | 250 00 | ..... | ..... | 250 00 | 250 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Chas. Bickert. | Western Star .. | 100 | Clinton..... | 70 00 | 70 00 | ..... | 42 00 | 112 00 | 112 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. S. Brown..... | Standard..... | 351 | Waucoma..... | 25 00 | 25 00 | ..... | ..... | 63 35 | 30 50 | 32 85 | ..... |
| Miss F. McCleary.. | Iowa City..... | 4 | Iowa City..... | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... | 30 00 | 130 00 | 130 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. E. Farley..... | Leighton..... | 397 | Beacon..... | 200 00 | 200 00 | ..... | ..... | 200 00 | 177 26 | 22 74 | ..... |
| Mrs. Geo. A. Frink | Darius..... | 431 | Britt..... | 155 00 | 155 00 | ..... | 25 00 | 180 00 | 180 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Susan Nelson. | Bellevue..... | 51 | Bellevue..... | 44 00 | 44 00 | ..... | ..... | 72 00 | 72 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. C. E. Willson. | Apollo..... | 416 | Cantril..... | 32 00 | 32 00 | ..... | ..... | 60 00 | 60 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Anna Staley.. | Sylvan..... | 507 | Denison..... | ..... | ..... | 169 00 | ..... | 169 00 | 142 00 | 27 00 | ..... |
| Mrs. J. L. Guest.... | Emmet..... | 533 | Armstrong..... | 240 00 | 240 00 | ..... | ..... | 240 00 | 240 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. C. Dennert.... | Elkader..... | 72 | Elkader..... | 180 00 | 180 00 | ..... | ..... | 180 00 | 180 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Susan Fowler | Bartlett..... | 293 | Bartlett, Ohio..... | 100 00 | 100 00 | ..... | 20 00 | 120 00 | 120 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Leona Whipple | Northern Light.. | 266 | Northwood..... | 180 00 | 180 00 | ..... | ..... | 180 00 | 180 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Mary Spellman | Stellapolis..... | 391 | Williamsburg..... | ..... | ..... | 85 09 | ..... | 85 09 | 18 26 | 69 38 | See note c.... |
| Mrs. Ida M. Bush.. | Adelphi..... | 353 | Keota..... | 255 00 | 255 00 | ..... | ..... | 180 00 | 180 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Mrs. Fanny Douglas | Abner..... | 535 | Lone Tree..... | 140 00 | 140 00 | ..... | ..... | 140 00 | 140 00 | ..... | ..... |
| | | | | \$5154 37 | \$4904 37 | \$ 663 00 | \$767 88 | \$6335 25 | \$6337 80 | \$681 14 | |
| | | | | Less balance returned..... | | | | | | | \$ 80 22 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | \$600 92 |

a Lodge had not previously agreed to pay any part of expense, hence vouchers were not filed for the \$108.55.
b Abiff Lodge had expended \$218.27 for the relief of Brother Dodds and family before calling upon the Grand Charity Fund.
c Trustee reports \$2.55 accrued interest while money was in bank.

[Exhibit D.]

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED

For the Continued Relief of the Persons Named.

MASTER MASONS.

| Brother's Name. | Of What Lodge a Member. | | Condition. | Amount Recommended. |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|---|---------------------|
| | Name of Lodge. | No. | | |
| John Wallerick.... | Talleyrand (Ex.). | 353 | 77 years old; needs assistance..... | \$ 80 00 |
| Isam P. Allen.. ... | Lafayette..... | 52 | 84 years old and dependent..... | 40 00 |
| E. J. Norris..... | Enterprise..... | 332 | Almost blind | 180 00 |
| R. J. Patterson.... | Orange | 123 | 88 years old; destitute..... | 110 00 |
| J. R. Morrow..... | Radiant..... | 366 | Crippled; needs assistance..... | 150 00 |
| A. A. Allen..... | Pearl | 426 | 75 years old; needs assistance..... | 100 00 |
| James Russell.... | Adelphi | 353 | 96 years old; feeble and needy | 180 00 |
| John Rea..... | Newton..... | 59 | 83 years old; (See note <i>a</i>)..... | 276 00 |
| Thos. George..... | Instruction..... | 275 | 81 years old; needs assistance..... | 125 00 |
| P. D. Widger..... | Pleiades..... | 248 | 79 years old; needs assistance..... | 125 00 |
| J. R. Orvis. | Pleiades..... | 248 | 89 years old; feeble and destitute.. | 230 00 |
| W. A. Gates..... | Trojan | 548 | Needs assistance | 50 00 |
| Robt. Cleland..... | Model | 315 | 78 years old; afflicted with cancer. | 165 00 |
| Wm. Dodds..... | Abiff..... | 347 | Destitute and entirely helpless.... | 400 00 |
| J. K. Gile..... | Clayton | 70 | 82 years old; destitute..... | 180 00 |
| J. F. Webb..... | Charity..... | 197 | Rheumatic and needy | 120 00 |
| Total | | | | \$2511 00 |

a Brother Rea is helpless and bedridden and gradually losing his mind. The total expense of providing him a good home and medical attendance is \$780 per year, his local lodge and friends paying \$504 and the Grand Charity Fund \$276.

WIDOWS OR DEPENDENT ORPHANS OF MASTER MASONS.

| NAME. | Husband's or Father's Membership. | | Condition. | Amount Recommended. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Name of Lodge. | No. | | |
| Miss F. McCleary.. | Iowa City..... | 4 | Feeble and needy..... | \$ 100 00 |
| Mrs. Ida. M. Bush.. | Adelphi | 353 | Partial paralysis and dependent.. | 180 00 |
| Mrs. Bessie Webb.. | Good Shepherd... | 414 | Destitute; has blind son..... | 180 00 |
| Mrs. A. Russell.... | Twin Lakes..... | 478 | Needs assistance to support family | 170 00 |
| Miss S. Doughty... | Abingdon..... | 104 | 81 years old; needs assistance..... | 75 00 |
| Mrs. Susan Fowler | Bartlett (Ohio)... | 293 | 77 years old; needs assistance..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. C. E. George.. | Cope Stone. | 316 | 76 years old; feeble and destitute.. | 250 00 |
| Mrs. L. Whipple... | Northern Light... | 266 | Needs assistance..... | 180 00 |
| Mrs. S. Brown..... | Standard | 351 | Almost blind; needs assistance.... | 160 00 |
| Mrs. F. Douglas.... | Abner | 535 | Destitute; needs assistance..... | 150 00 |
| Mrs. Chas. Bickert | Western Star | 100 | Needs assistance..... | 42 00 |
| Mrs. C. Dennert.... | Dubuque | 3 | Rheumatic and almost helpless .. | 180 00 |
| Mrs. Martha Olsen. | Radiant..... | 366 | Destitute and dependent..... | 100 00 |
| Mrs. Geo. A. Frink | Darius | 431 | Small children; needs assistance.. | 180 00 |
| Mrs. C. E. Wilson.. | Apollo..... | 416 | Small children; needs assistance.. | 60 00 |
| Mrs. M. Hogue | Remembrance.... | 375 | Small children; needs assistance.. | 131 00 |
| Mrs. S. F. Nelson.. | Bellevue..... | 51 | Needs assistance..... | 72 00 |
| Mrs. Emily Farley. | Leighton | 397 | Needs assistance..... | 100 00 |
| Total | | | | \$2410 00 |

INCIDENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare an account of the incidents of the week pertaining to the social side of Masonry during the session of Grand Lodge, and that the same be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

Agreed to.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Grand Secretary Parvin presented and read communications from Past Grand Masters H. W. Rothert and Sumner Miller expressing regrets at being unable to be present during the session and extending cordial greetings to the members of Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That reference be made to same in the printed Proceedings.

APPOINTMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master, in compliance with recommendations made by the Committee on Grand Master's Address to take under consideration the re-establishment of a Grand Representative system, appointed as special committee, with instructions to present their report at next session of Grand Lodge, Brothers S. C. Huber (203), A. H. Conn (25), and G. A. Riemcke (2).

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES (First).

Brother D. W. Clements (69) presented report of committee. On motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



OUR Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully report that peace and harmony have prevailed during the past year; that the high ideals of the Craft have steadily advanced as our numbers have increased. The emblem of innocence has so seldom been stained by a spot of misconduct coming to the notice of your committee that we all have cause for additional pride in our noble and beloved institution.

In the matter of necessary discipline there has been such unanimity that of the eleven cases of expulsion considered this year we are able to include ten of them in this report. And the other case, coming to us on appeal, will require a separate report from the committee.

In each of the following cases, to-wit—

Washington Lodge, No. 26, *vs.* J. D. Ross.

Danville Lodge, No. 48, *vs.* Belah F. Wilson.

Pleasant Lodge, No. 128, *vs.* A. E. Agard.

Occidental Lodge, No. 178, *vs.* W. H. Pettis.

Valley Lodge, No. 232, *vs.* C. W. Stoddard.

Corner-Stone Lodge, No. 251, *vs.* J. W. McCray.

Cyrus Lodge, No. 338, *vs.* Ingral Erickson.

Vernon Lodge, No. 410, *vs.* G. W. McGee.

Stella Lodge, No. 440, *vs.* John W. Collinson.

Faithful Lodge, No. 448, *vs.* J. H. Runner.

We find that the lodge had jurisdiction of the defendant, that the proceedings are regular, and each of these cases is affirmed.

Some matters involving questions of jurisdiction over candidates have been, by the Grand Master, referred to your committee, and these matters will be presented to you in a subsequent report.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. CLEMENTS.

H. M. TOWNER,

W. A. WESTFALL,

Committee.

FURTHER REPORT.

Later in the day, Brother H. M. Towner (275) presented the report of the committee on "Invasion of Territory" and "Petition for Rehearing." On his motion, same was—

Adopted. .

(Printed here for convenience of reference.)

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

We, your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, make the following additional report:

FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 256, Van Meter, Iowa,

and

DELTA LODGE, No. 356, Dallas Center, Iowa,

vs.

ADEL LODGE, No. 80, Adel, Iowa.

Invasion of Territory
—*Sustained.*

The complainants, Fortitude Lodge, No. 256, and Delta Lodge, No. 356, filed their complaint with P. J. Martin, Grand Master, against Adel Lodge, No. 80, alleging that the said Adel Lodge had invaded

their jurisdiction by the initiation of one N. C. Wragg, of Waukee, Iowa, and demanding of said Adel Lodge the initiation fee and statutory penalty for so doing. The Grand Master referred the matter to this committee, which fixed a time and place of hearing, at which time and place the parties appeared, submitted their evidence, and were heard in argument. The matter being fully presented and submitted the committee report as follows:

The present controversy between the three lodges of Van Meter, Dallas Center, and Adel, over applicants for Masonic degrees living in the town of Waukee, seems to have begun in 1906. In that year S. C. Brumfield, N. C. Wragg, J. R. Whinery, and A. B. Carter, all residents of said town of Waukee, made application for membership to the respondent, the Adel Lodge. Notices and protests were filed by the Van Meter and Dallas Center lodges, and complaint made to Grand Master W. H. Norris, who advised that an effort be made to secure an amicable adjustment of the difficulty. In accordance with this recommendation, committees were appointed by each of the three lodges. Before any meeting of the joint committees was had, the committee appointed by Adel Lodge reported to its lodge that Van Meter was entitled to the Waukee candidates, whereupon the petitions were ordered returned to the several petitioners, which was done. Thereupon Adel Lodge petitioned the Van Meter lodge to relinquish its jurisdiction, but said Van Meter lodge refused to waive.

The committees appointed to amicably arrange the jurisdictional question by the Dallas Center and Van Meter lodges, on being informed that Adel Lodge had formally relinquished jurisdiction over Waukee, adjusted the matter as between them by making the jurisdiction concurrent, as to the two said lodges. Since these events, four members have been taken from Waukee into the Van Meter lodge, several into the Dallas Center lodge, and one applicant, the instant case, N. C. Wragg, has been received by Adel Lodge.

Section 66 of the Masonic Code provides that—

“The territorial jurisdiction of each subordinate lodge * * * is over all territory lying nearer to such subordinate lodge than to another subordinate lodge * * * the distance to be computed in a direct line. * * * *Provided*, that when any part of any city or incorporated town is equi-distant from two lodges, and such city or incorporated town has no lodge, such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction over such city or incorporated town.”

Under the complaint herein, and in the application of the above quoted law, the question of jurisdiction becomes a question of fact to be determined by the evidence. Quite a large amount of evidence, including several maps, plats, and surveys was presented by each of the contending lodges, both before the Grand Master and before the committee. All of this testimony has been considered.

From it we conclude that N. C. Wragg is a resident of Waukee. That Waukee is an incorporated town. That a direct line drawn

from the lodge at Van Meter to the nearest point within the incorporated town of Waukee is approximately 31,885 feet. That a direct line drawn from the lodge at Dallas Center to the nearest point within the town of Waukee is approximately 31,828 feet. That a direct line from the lodge at Adel to the nearest point within the town of Waukee is 33,911 feet. A part of the said incorporated town of Waukee being equi-distant from the two lodges at Van Meter and Dallas Center, those lodges have concurrent jurisdiction over all the residents of said town of Waukee. The lodge at Adel being more than 2,000 feet further from the nearest point within the incorporated limits of Waukee than either Van Meter or Dallas Center, it has neither exclusive nor concurrent jurisdiction over the residents of said town of Waukee.

It follows that by the reception of N. C. Wragg, a resident of Waukee, Adel Lodge, No. 80, invaded the territory belonging of right to Fortitude Lodge, No. 256, Van Meter, Iowa, and Delta Lodge, No. 356, Dallas Center, Iowa. We believe, however, that Adel Lodge acted in good faith, and in the honest belief they had at least concurrent jurisdiction.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that said Adel Lodge shall pay to said Van Meter and Dallas Center lodges the fees received on account of such initiation of N. C. Wragg, and the further sum of \$20 penalty, in equal parts, as provided by Masonic law.

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| ACME LODGE, No. 457, } | } <i>Petition for Re-hearing Refused.</i> |
| vs. | |
| H. S. KNAPP. | |

In this case charges were preferred against the defendant for conducting unmasonic business of selling intoxicating liquor. Proceedings were had, and the defendant was expelled in 1907.

The record being sent up for approval it was found by the Appeals and Grievances Committee of the last Grand Lodge, composed of William Hutchinson, D. W. Clements, and A. W. McCallum, and reported on page 118, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1908, that the record did not show any appearance by the defendant, or that any one was appointed to appear for him, or that a special meeting of the lodge was called for trial, or that the lodge had been summoned for trial. For these errors and omissions the case was reversed and remanded.

The said Acme Lodge, No. 457, now claims that the record sent by it was either incorrect or insufficient, and that the real facts were that the statutory requirements were complied with, and they now ask that their original actions be now approved upon the showing now made. This amounts, in effect, to a petition for a re-hearing by this committee.

Under the general law the state cannot appeal, and as in this class of cases the lodge occupies an analogous position to the state, its claim to have another hearing upon its action as shown by its

own record is hardly consistent. It may be true that the record sent was incorrect or insufficient, but if now we could allow a new showing to be made without notice to the defendant, and without an opportunity for him to contest this new showing, when the effect of such action would result in the infliction of the grave penalty of expulsion, the most severe punishment known to Masonic jurisprudence, your committee think that such action would set a precedent both dangerous, and, in the present instance, unjust. Individual rights should be at least as sacred in Masonry as they are under the profane law. Any record of expulsion which the Grand Lodge is asked to approve should affirmatively show that the brother expelled has been given all his constitutional Masonic rights.

For these reasons your committee do not believe a re-hearing ought to be granted, and the application therefor is dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. CLEMENTS,

H. M. TOWNER,

W. A. WESTFALL,

Committee.

DEATH OF DISTRICT LECTURER.

Brother C. C. Hunt (52), from the committee appointed by the District Lecturers to prepare resolutions upon the death of Brother Cyrus H. Shaw, one of their members, presented the following. On motion, same was—

Ordered printed in the Proceedings.



TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



ANOTHER year, brethren, has passed and again we are assembled together and are rejoicing in the pleasure of renewing old acquaintances and extending the glad hand of fellowship to one another. But the pleasure of meeting is not unmixed with pain. As we take each others hands and look into each others faces we miss the hand and greeting of one who was not only one of us, but had long been prominent in the cause of Masonry—a cause which is dear to the heart of each one of us. Our beloved friend and brother, Cyrus H. Shaw, has been

called from his labor here on earth to enjoy the home which our Heavenly Father has prepared for those whose work has been well and faithfully done.

Our brother was ever faithful to his Masonic duties, and at the very moment when the summons came for him he was on his way to preside at the burial service of another brother. His best and most enduring monument is the record of his useful life. And what could be more fitting than that he who had labored so long and faithfully should receive the call "come up higher" while engaged in a service of love and duty?

May the memory of his life and actions inspire us to a faithful discharge of the duties we owe to God, our country, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be sent to the home lodge of Brother Shaw and to his bereaved family.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. HALLETT,

C. C. HUNT,

FRANK A. LEE,

Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE (First).

Brother C. E. Narey (329) presented the report of the committee having reference to examination of financial reports of the Grand Officers, Trustees, and Custodians. On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Finance wish to report that they have carefully audited all of the books, records, and accounts of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Librarian, the Custodians, and the Trustees of the Grand Lodge.

We have also made a complete examination of the books, records, and accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, as well as the securities held by them.

We find all of the records and vouchers accompanying them, together with the balances as shown by the printed reports, to be correct.

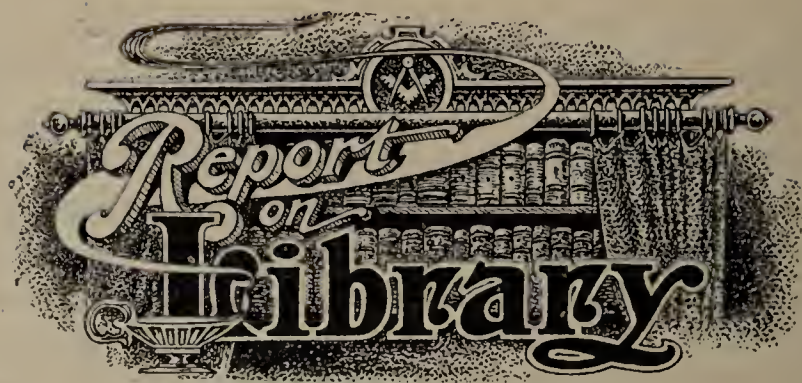
Fraternally submitted,

C. E. NAREY,

D. D. CARLTON,

GEO. L. SCHOONOVER,

Committee.



Brother H. W. Hughes (1) presented and read the report of the committee as follows. On motion, same was—
Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



HERE are two kinds of Masonry, operative and speculative. We work in speculative Masonry only, which we further divide into two classes—esoteric and exoteric—the former transmitted orally from generation to generation, the latter revealed by means of the printed page.

Time was when the tools and implements of the craft were employed in actual labor, but they are now symbols of speculative truth and teach lessons of morality and virtue, of fidelity and faith, of integrity and fortitude, of friendship and love, which if adhered to would render our lives harmonious and our characters symmetrical. The grandest event in the history of our fraternity was when it ceased to exist as a purely operative institution.

Masonry is today doing a nobler work than when our ancient craftsmen erected their statliest columns. The towering cathedrals of the middle ages, "those stone-wrought invocations to Deity from Strasburg to Melrose and from the Rhine to Caledonia," unequalled in architectural beauty, unexcelled in artistic design, unsurpassed in symmetrical arrangement, yet fade into insignificance when compared with the intellectual achievements of succeeding ages.

More lasting than stone, more enduring than marble, more eternal than granite, is the product of the human mind. The Parthenon and the Acropolis are in ruins, but Socrates and Plato still live. The glory and grandeur of imperial Rome have vanished, but Horace and Cicero still speak. And although the temple, around which clusters Masonry's choicest legends, which Israel's poet-king erected to his God, has been dust for ages, yet the music of his songs still lingers on the lips of millions. "The labor of man's hand is ephemeral, but the product of his mind is eternal."

There are hundreds of loyal craftsmen throughout this Grand Jurisdiction today who are proficient in esoteric Masonry, who know when to say "on" and when to say "upon," and who, as far as the ritual is concerned, are letter-perfect, and yet they possess only the

merest outline of the history of the fraternity and are practically ignorant of its wonderful symbolism, its literature, and its philosophy.

Far be it from me to belittle the importance of proficiency in the secret work. I have conducted too many "Schools of Instruction" and have witnessed the rapid strides towards perfection made during the past decade to even suggest a halt in this ambition to excel. I have a high regard for the Worshipful Master who can confer a degree without an error, a pause, or a repetition; but I have an infinitely higher regard for the Worshipful Master who can confer a degree so earnestly, so intelligently, and so impressively that the sublime lessons therein inculcated will make a lasting impression upon the character of the candidate-brother. Far better a dozen misplaced phrases than one imperfect ashlar. And so while we are acquiring this laudable proficiency, while we are approaching this perfect ritualistic rendition, let us also endeavor to familiarize ourselves with the symbolical significance of the terms and phrases which we so glibly employ. This knowledge can only be obtained by a study of exoteric Masonry, by reading articles, pamphlets, and books penned by the brightest minds of this or any other age, by delving into the archives of the past and resurrecting the lore of the ancients.

The Grand Lodge Library, by intelligent selection, judicious foresight, and munificent gifts has become the storehouse wherein is garnered the Masonic treasures of the world. There we may follow the thread of Masonic history backward through the centuries until it is lost in the oblivion of antiquity. There is revealed to us its unique philosophy tinged with the mysticism of the Orient. There we may revel in its symbolism, freighted with the legends and traditions of the past and carrying us back in imagination to the days when men recorded their deeds of prowess by character and heiroglyph, when emperors and monarchs attempted to transmit to posterity a record of their lives and deeds by the erection of monument and monolith, pillar and pyramid, crypt and mausoleum. There we may read its literature, veiled in allegory and parable, myth or fable, and written not only in our own tongue but in various foreign languages, thereby demonstrating the universality of Masonry. There we may come in contact with the ancient dreamer, looking forward with prophetic inspiration and hope. There also the modern speculator, looking backward and reveling in the richness of ancient imagery.

After we have done these things then will the wording of the lectures become pregnant with meaning, laden with memories rich with revelation. Then will the ritual, rendered wearisome by meaningless reiteration and monotonous rendition, assume new life and beauty like Aaron's rod which budded, blossomed, and bore fruit. "Every obscure phrase will then have its own gleam, every symbol its explanatory ray, every ceremonial its clustered brightness of traditionary lore or historical truth." Then will esoteric and ex-

oteric Masonry join hands and supplement each other in the thorough preparation of all the material for the building of that spiritual temple, that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

It is unnecessary for me to describe to you in detail the contents of the Library and Museum. I need not tell you that it is the finest Masonic Library in the world, that its fame has spread throughout Christendom, adding honor to the memory of its illustrious founder, and bringing prestige and renown to this Grand Body. These facts with corroborative figures and statistics have been repeated to you annually by my predecessors, and I merely desire to make a suggestion to you and a recommendation to your Trustees.

With the treasured knowledge in our possession, the query arises: How can it be placed at the disposal of the craft? How can its apparent inaccessibility be overcome? By simply dropping a post card to the Grand Secretary and informing him what book or books you desire they will be forwarded to you without delay and without expense save postage or express. Or, it may be that you desire to prepare an address or paper upon a particular topic and do not know whether or not the Library has any material bearing upon that subject. A letter to the Grand Secretary will elicit the desired information and the material placed at your disposal whether in book, pamphlet, magazine, or clipping.

During the past decade the "library movement" has received a tremendous impetus largely because of the generosity of one man. Several communities in Iowa have been the recipients of his bounty, and nearly every city and town now has a free public library. It is not practical, it is not wise, for this Grand Body to compete with these public libraries. We should rather devote our energies and expend our income in keeping this Library where it belongs, at the head of the Masonic Libraries of the world.

However, we may profitably imitate or appropriate any idea which seems feasible, and I desire to emphasize one feature which will add to the usefulness of the Grand Lodge Library. The State Library Commission of Iowa has several cases of books which, upon request, they loan to any community for a specified period. If the Grand Secretary were authorized to purchase duplicate copies of a dozen or two of the more popular Masonic works, place them in a substantial case, and ship them to the Secretary of a subordinate lodge to be retained for three months or longer, I believe the interest aroused would justify the expense involved, and I hope the Trustees will see fit to try this experiment during the coming year.

This Grand Lodge is now free from debt. It owns the Library building and the Annex, both of which have been recently repaired and refurnished. There would seem to be no obstacle to prevent a continuation of the work of cataloging and classifying the Library which has been in progress during the past year. This is the crying need of the present time. Upon the shelves are rows upon rows of

bound volumes of Masonic periodicals, extending back over half a century, containing valuable articles upon every conceivable Masonic subject, whose contents are practically useless because unknown.

During the past year three Masonic periodicals have been completely cataloged according to subject. These are the "New England Craftsman," "The American Tyler-Keystone," and the "Quarterly Bulletin." This is but the beginning of a work which should be continued. The Library regularly receives fifty-four Masonic periodicals, all but a few of which are donated. Surely when the magazines themselves come to us without cost we can afford to catalog their contents so that the valuable articles written by the brightest * Masonic thinkers will be at the disposal of every individual craftsman throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

No doubt duplicate sets of these card catalogs could be sold to other Masonic libraries or at least exchanged for other sets, and in this way the expense would be reduced and the completion of the work hastened. In fact, there is no reason why this co-operation should not be extended to the mutual benefit of all Masonic libraries and their patrons. Each library could contribute its share of the expense, and the task of completely and carefully cataloging and classifying all Masonic publications could be accomplished at the Iowa Masonic Library. We now have a complete catalog of all the books in the Library by author and title; but there should also be a catalog according to subject, because the title of a book oftentimes does not indicate the nature of its contents. Some books treat of so many subjects that it requires over one hundred cards for a complete classification.

During the past year 13,500 cards have been added to the catalog, including 800 different subjects. Every book received, whether by gift or purchase, is now completely cataloged and classified before being placed on the shelves.

In the opinion of your committee an additional assistant should be employed to expedite the work so that a complete catalog by author, title, and subject could be prepared without unnecessary delay. When this is accomplished, then will our intellectual storehouse become in reality a Library instead of a collection of books, a workshop instead of an ornament.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, the Library was created by this body. Sixty-five years ago the Masons of Iowa, in annual communication assembled, appropriated \$5.00 for a beginning, and the Grand Secretary donated one volume for a foundation.

Since then its growth has been constant, continuous, and yet conservative. At no time has its support been a burden. Our Grand Lodge dues are among the lowest of any of the Grand Jurisdictions, and of these dues only 10 cents per capita goes to the support of the Grand Lodge Library and Library building. Of this small amount, at least one-half would be necessary to provide suitable accommoda-

tions for our Grand Officers, so that not more than 5 cents a year from each member is expended for the maintenance and growth of the Library proper.

Is there any question in the mind of any brother as to the wisdom of this expenditure?

From the very outset, because of the rare technical knowledge of the Grand Secretary and the consequent care in the selection of books and curios, the Library has attracted to itself valuable gifts and donations, so that at the present time your property, from a purely commercial standpoint, is worth vastly more than its original cost. * And these conditions will undoubtedly continue to obtain. Your present Grand Secretary and his assistants are alert, enthusiastic, and painstaking. Your Trustees are careful, conservative, and prudent, and the Grand Lodge Library bequeathed to us by the pioneers of Iowa Masonry will be held by us in sacred trust, its valuable contents made use of by this generation, and then handed down to our successors with usefulness unimpaired, resources undiminished, and prosperity uninterrupted.

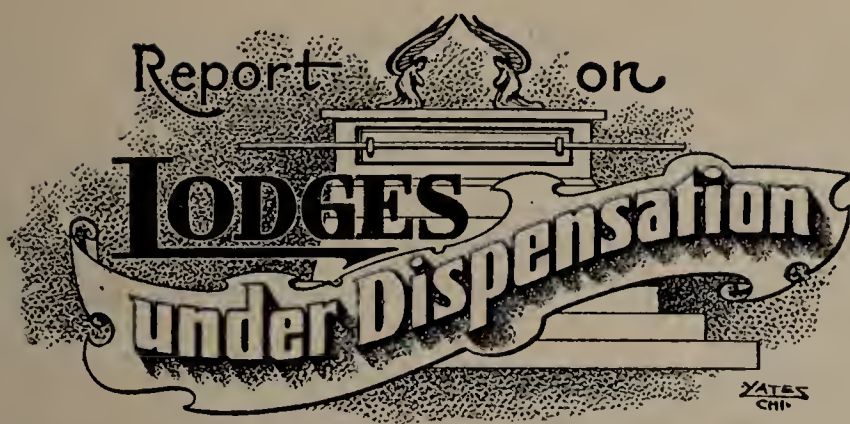
Fraternally submitted,

H. W. HUGHES, *Committee.*

RESOLUTION—TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Brother J. L. Farrington (192) offered the following in reference to "Traveling Libraries." On motion, same was Referred to Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the plan of "Traveling Libraries" be given a trial among our lodges, and in order to make the same of service to the various lodges that the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be set aside to carry into effect the plan as outlined in the report of the Librarian and approved by the Committee on Library.



Brother K. T. Lamb (200) presented the report of the Committee. On his motion, same was—
Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



OUR Committee on the Work of Lodges Under Dispensation, to whom was referred the transcripts and returns of the three lodges so working, having carefully examined all the papers, respectfully submit the following as our report:

SUNSET LODGE.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation of last year, of which Brother G. A. Riemcke was chairman, reviewed the transcript of the work done by this lodge, which is at Royal, Iowa, from March 28th, the date the dispensation was issued, to the date of its report, May 1, 1908, and the committee recommended "that on account of the brief existence and the lack of opportunity for Sunset Lodge to do work that their dispensation be continued another year."

Since this report the lodge has held all its stated and sixteen called meetings, has initiated nine, passed seven, and raised four to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, making a total of twenty degrees conferred. It now has nineteen Master Masons, three Fellow-Crafts, two Entered Apprentices, and petitions pending for four.

We find a balance in the treasury of \$25.00 and no indebtedness. The proceedings and records, which are duly certified, are full and complete, with these exceptions: The date of the meetings does not give the day of the week, there is no record that the lectures accompanying the degrees were given or that bills of account were ever brought before the lodge and acted on by a vote of the members, and the names of the members recommending a petition are not made a matter of record.

However, we consider this a very creditable showing for the first year's work, commend the brethren for their skill, industry, and zeal and do not hesitate to recommend that a charter be granted this lodge.

GOLDEN SHEAF LODGE.

On the 22d day of February, 1909, a dispensation was issued in which Robert Roantree is named as Worshipful Master; M. S. Huie as Senior Warden, and N. A. Fink as Junior Warden, and seven other Master Masons, authorizing them to form a new lodge at Rock Valley, Sioux county, Iowa, to be known by the name of Golden Sheaf Lodge, U. D.

The first meeting was held March 9, 1909, when a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form. Worshipful Master Roantree appointed the subordinate officers, the dispensation was read, and spread upon the minutes. Stated meetings, of which they have had two, are held Tuesday evening on or before full moon, but at a special meeting held May 11th there was a motion passed changing the regular meeting night to Monday on or before full moon. In the three month's work, the date of making returns having been extended by the Grand Master from May 1st to May 15th, your committee find that the lodge has initiated five, passed four, and raised two. It now has seventeen Master Masons, two Fellow-Crafts, one Entered Apprentice, and seven petitions pending.

The fees charged for the work total \$25.00, \$10.00 each for the first two and \$5.00 for the Master's Degree. The lodge occupies a hall jointly with the I. O. O. F., for which they pay \$50.00 rent per annum. There is a balance in the treasury of \$143.43, and no indebtedness.

The transcript of the records, duly certified to, does not give the day of the week meetings were held; gives only the surname of most of the officers and members; does not show that the degrees were given separately where two or more candidates were received in one evening; does not give an account of the money received, and does not give the report of the Committee on Petitions. Although these several errors appear in the minutes, we believe that the lodge in its short life of three months has done creditable work and that the manner of keeping the minutes will greatly improve.

AVALON LODGE.

On the 20th of March, 1909, a dispensation was issued to L. B. Blanchard, named as Master; C. S. Todd, named as Senior Warden, and C. B. Madison, named as Junior Warden, and to seventeen other Master Masons authorizing them to open and form a lodge at the town of Edgewood, Clayton county, Iowa, to be known by the name of Avalon Lodge, U. D.

At the first meeting, March 29th, the Master appointed his officers, the lodge was opened in form, and the dispensation under which they were working was properly made a matter of record. The stated meetings are held Saturday on or before full moon, and they have held two, at which meetings eight petitions have been re-

ceived. The lodge has initiated five, passed one, raised one, and now has twenty-one Master Masons, four Entered Apprentices, and three petitions pending.

Twenty dollars is charged for conferring the degrees, \$10.00 for the first and \$5.00 each for the Fellow-Craft and Master Mason Degrees; annual dues are \$2.00. The hall is shared by two other fraternities; the treasurer has on hand \$232.07, and there is an indebtedness of \$200.

The transcript of the minutes are duly certified and show the following irregularities: The minutes were not read at the close for approval or at the opening to bring up unfinished business at stated meetings. The report shows one petition for affiliation, but the records do not differentiate petitions to affiliate from those to receive the degrees. The minutes do not show that the ballots on petitions were taken separately, nor do they state that lodge was duly opened on the first degree when work in that degree was done on the evening of a stated meeting. The common errors referred to in reviewing the work of the other two lodges, that of making no record of the recommendation of petitioners or of the lectures having been given and of recording the report of the Committee on Petitions, were also made.

The returns show that each of the lodges have all the required books, excepting Sunset Lodge, which as yet has no black book, signature book, or register of claims.

While we have called attention to all errors and irregularities that have come to our notice in the transcripts and returns of the three lodges under dispensation, we have not done so in the spirit of fault finding, but for the purpose of helping those who have made a beginning in this great and good work, and we doubt not that many of the same variations from the Code requirements could be found in the records of long established chartered lodges.

We consider them all earnest and faithful workers and are pleased to recommend that charters be granted to lodges as follows:

Sunset Lodge, located at Royal, Clay county, Iowa, to be No. 604.

Golden Sheaf Lodge, located at Rock Valley, Sioux county, Iowa, to be No. 605.

Avalon Lodge, located at Edgewood, Clayton county, Iowa, to be No. 606.

Fraternally submitted,

K. T. LAMB,

H. A. TOBIE,

ALLEN MEADER,

Committee.



Brother Louis Block (208) presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence in printed form, supplementing same with a few remarks. On his motion, same was—

Ordered printed in the Proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

He then moved that the suggestions referred to in the closing pages of the report be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which was—

Agreed to.

REPORT ON CHARTERED LODGES (Second).

Brother M. J. Gabriel (93) presented the report of committee pertaining to reinstatement of members suspended for non-payment of dues by lodges now defunct. On motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



THE COMMITTEE to whom was referred the petition for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues of one W. J. Trick, formerly a member of Orion Lodge, No. 132, Dyersville, Iowa, whose charter was surrendered March, 1903, find that the \$11.25 unpaid dues has been paid to the Grand Secretary, and record properly attested.

We recommend the petition to be granted as prayed for, and the Grand Secretary instructed to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to the said W. J. Trick.

In the matter of the petition for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues of one Joseph Trick, formerly a member of Orion Lodge, No. 132, Dyersville, Iowa, whose charter was surrend-

ered in March, 1903, we find that the \$15.00, amount of unpaid dues, has been paid to the Grand Secretary, and the record properly attested.

We recommend that the petition be granted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to said Joseph Trick.

In the matter of the petition for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues of one L. F. Hootan, formerly a member of Winona Lodge, No. 339, at Pitzer, Madison county, Iowa, whose charter was surrendered in February, 1905, we find that the \$2.50, the amount of unpaid dues, has been paid to the Grand Secretary, and the record properly attested.

We recommend that the petition be granted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to said L. F. Hootan.

In the matter of the petition for reinstatement from suspension for non-payment of dues of one William Harkleroad, formerly a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 7, at Augusta, Des Moines county, Iowa, whose charter was surrendered in March, 1888, we find that the \$11.76, the amount of unpaid dues, has been paid to the Grand Secretary, and the record properly attested.

We recommend that the petition be granted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to issue a Grand Lodge certificate to said William Harkleroad.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK S. MOSES,

MILO J. GABRIEL,

R. H. MALONY,

Committee.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.



WEDNESDAY, June 2, 1909.

LABOR RESUMED.

Grand Master Martin (105) called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor on the third degree promptly at 2 o'clock.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The hour (2 o'clock) designated in the Code for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master announced that he had appointed the following brethren to serve as tellers during the election of officers:

TELLERS.

F. E. Sternberg (440), M. L. Heilhecker (110), C. S. Royce (234), L. F. Danforth (240), Alfred Morton (331), A. H. Conn (25), G. H. Hall (356), C. E. Myers (26), O. L. Wright (61), and H. O. Kelley (105).

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

then proceeded and the following brethren were chosen to serve for the ensuing Masonic year:

(ELECTED.)

DAVID WATHERUP CLEMENTS (69), West Union, *Most Worshipful Grand Master.*

HUGH WILLIAM HUGHES (1), Burlington, *Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.*

CHARLES DEWITT BECKER (105), Waterloo, *Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.*

CHARLES EDWARD NAREY (329), Spirit Lake, *Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.*

NEWTON RAY PARVIN (4), Cedar Rapids, *Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.*

ELECTION OF CUSTODIAN.

The term of service of Brother O. N. Wagley (59) having expired, he was unanimously elected as Custodian for the ensuing six years, term expiring 1915.

AMENDMENTS TO CODE.

Brother C. T. Granger (154), Past Grand Master, presented amendments to Sections 159 and 250 of the Code as follows. Same were read, and, under the law, final action thereon deferred until tomorrow:

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

I respectfully offer the following as a substitute for Section 159 of the Code:

SEC. 159. APPLICATIONS FOR.—No formal application is necessary for advancement by an Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft in the lodge in which he was initiated or passed. He may seek examination at any meeting of the lodge *within six months after his initiation, or passing, as the case may be*, and if adjudged proficient, the pleasure of the lodge and the candidate may be considered for his advancement. An unsuccessful examination shall not be a bar to others, but may be repeated at any subsequent meeting of the lodge *within said six months. Should the applicant fail to present himself for passing, or raising, as the case may be, at intervals not exceeding six months, he must in either case re-petition the lodge for advancement, which petition must be presented at a stated meeting and must not be acted upon before the next stated meeting thereafter. On such petition there need be no recommendation nor committee of investigation appointed. No such petition can be entertained unless fees are or have been paid in full, and a two-thirds vote by ballot shall elect for advancement.*

I offer the following as a substitute for Section 250 of the Code:

SEC. 250. DANCING AND CARD PLAYING.—Dancing and card playing can not be allowed in any lodge room, ante-room, or preparation room occupied and used exclusively by subordinate lodge or lodges, except by unanimous consent, and can not be allowed or continued against the objection of a member of the lodge or either lodge made to the Master.

This law shall apply to banquet rooms, reception rooms, parlors, and other rooms, exclusively occupied by a lodge or lodges, only when by a majority vote of the lodge or lodges such use is prohibited.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

Brother H. A. Cook (111) presented the report of the committee. On motion, same was—

Unanimously adopted.



**PAST GRAND MASTERS AND ELECTIVE GRAND
OFFICERS DYING IN OFFICE—JUNE
1, 1908—JUNE 1, 1909.**

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| ALABAMA..... | John Gideon Harris, Past Grand Master. | July 7, 1908 |
| CONNECTICUT | John Henry Barlow, Past Grand Master. | June 16, 1908 |
| “ | James Louis Gould, Past Grand Master.. | Jan. 29, 1909 |
| “ | Henry Orange Warner, P. G. Master..... | May 8, 1909 |
| FLORIDA..... | William E. Anderson, P. G. Master..... | Nov. 12, 1908 |
| INDIANA | Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Master..... | Aug. 3, 1908 |
| LOUISIANA..... | Frederick Cade Marsh, P. G. Master..... | Sept. 13, 1908 |
| MANITOBA | Thomas Robinson, Past Grand Master... | Aug. 10, 1908 |
| MICHIGAN | Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand Master | July 16, 1908 |
| NEBRASKA..... | Bradner D. Slaughter, P. G. Master..... | May 8, 1909 |
| NEW YORK..... | Joseph J. Couch, Past Grand Master..... | Feb. 10, 1909 |
| NORTH CAROLINA.. | Fabius Hayward Busbee, P. G. Master... | Aug. 28, 1908 |
| OREGON | Jacob Mayer, Past Grand Master..... | Dec. 31, 1908 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA.. | James R. Bellinger, Past Grand Master.. | Aug. 27, 1908 |
| TENNESSEE | John Thomas Irion, Past Grand Master.. | Aug. 9, 1908 |
| WISCONSIN..... | Henry L. Palmer, Past Grand Master.... | May 7, 1909 |
| WYOMING..... | John S. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master... | Dec. 21, 1908 |
| “ | John Charles Davis, Past Grand Master.. | Jan. 15, 1909 |

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



SINCE our last meeting another twelve-month has dropped from the hand of the Grand Architect of the Universe to fall into the oblivion of the past—

“A little more tired at close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way;
A little less ready to scold and blame.
A little more care for a brother's name;
And so we are nearing the journey's end,
Where time and eternity meet and blend.

“A little less care for bonds and gold,
A little more zest in the days of old;
A broader view and a saner mind,
And a little more love for all mankind;
And so we are faring adown the way
That leads to the gates of a better day.”

We gather each year to renew our friendships, to cement yet stronger the ties that unite us into one common band or society of friends and brothers, and to take note of our passing years, that we in time to come may be about our Father's business. We meet with joyous hearts that so many of us have been spared for this occasion, but find that while we are here happy and care-free there are some vacant chairs; some homes out in the great reaches of prairie landscape that make our state so grandly beautiful, where shadows have fallen athwart the doorway, some silent places within the homes, some aching hearts at the common hearthstone; and there are widows and orphans, and tears and sadness, because some of the brethren have gone to their long homes.

“The oak has fallen!
While meet for no good work, the vine
May yet its worthless branches twine,
Who knoweth not with thee fell
A great man in our Israel?
Fallen while thy loins were girded still,
Thy feet with Zion's dews still wet,
And in thy hand retaining yet
The Pilgrim's staff and scallop-shell.”

The ways of Providence fill the human mind with awe. His purposes are mysterious, indeed, but we of the household of faith believe in Infinite mercy, and truth and love. The span of life to these who have gone away from us ended just a little while sooner than our own. We who are have become the earthly trustees of those

who are not. There devolves upon us, therefore, the duty of caring for the living, even though we share their sorrow for the dead. Let us give this duty our sweet service in the spirit of love and mercy; and with the joy of giving we will carry our share of the burden to the temple of temples, and shall behold its stately walls arise in beauty and symmetry—the well-rounded soul illumined by the light that glows on the altar within the holy of holies.

Our brethren die and leave our hearts and our temples desolate for a time. We cannot prevent it but we may learn from it more of our whole duty. Sorrow hath its useful lessons, and death is but the gate which opens out of earth toward “the house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.” We still love these who have departed—they are ours, and we are theirs. The tie that united us here is not parted. The silver cord may be loosed, and the golden bowl broken, and earth may know them no more forever, but the sacred bond of brotherly love and affection that existed between us here holds firmly there.

The harp holds in its wires the sublimest possibilities of sweet harmonies. But it must be struck or its glories wake not—its strings are but dull and voiceless bits of metal. So, also, the chords of human passion. Death may chill our senses, but its stroke awakens the affections. In life we loved the brother for his many virtues, for his manly character, for his supreme soul, but in death it is the glow from his unfettered spirit that warms our hearts as memory turns the pages of his life’s record.

The years come and go; the flowers fade, the grasses wither and fall to decay. So with those we have “loved and lost awhile.” The tear of affection is not born of earth. It is a pearl from heaven strung upon the eyelash. It glitters there to tell the world that the soul is within and is keeping watch and ward.

For thousands of years men have gone to the graves of their dead to learn. The Greeks led their youth to the monuments of their great warriors and there taught them the lessons of patriotism, courage, and valor. For two thousand years the Christian has pointed to the cross of Calvary as an inspiration of the Christ who taught that

character and duty, faithfulness and love were the all-important things in this world, and the only things that would stand the tests of the world to come. Voices of a thousand tongues come to us from the graves of these our dead. We who live and they clasp hands in the bonds of fraternity. The cement of brotherly love and affection binds us in ties that are indissoluble.

“Yet keep one place, one little place
From all the rest apart;
One place which I can call a home
Within thy faithful heart.
And in the holy hour of dream,
When spirits fill the air,
With tender eye and folded wing
I'll softly rest me there.”

We do not like to think of our friends as dead; rather do we prefer to dwell upon the beautiful things in their lives. The loving deeds, the kindly and unselfish thoughtfulness that prompted them to acts of helpfulness. We think of death in connection with such lives only as a door through which our brothers have stepped into the beautiful garden just a little way before us—the open way to a yet more beautiful life. With their record open before us, my brethren, shall we not lift our eyes to visions of loftier lives; shall we not strive to walk with them through the perfume of the eternal morning where the soul sins no more.

“So shall I love the poppy-down of sleep
When twilight falls;
And over me the stars eternal sweep
Till morning calls.

“So shall I love the poppy-flush of splendor,
The soul's new wine;
When dawn leads our steps through bloom-paths tender
To dreams divine.”

Death loses its gloomy aspect when we view it as the sower of seed and not as the reaper of the harvest; for, out of the death of the body comes the eternal life of the soul—and that is the fruitage of our years here on earth. That which is broken is often the most useful. It is when the bark is broken that the balm for healing is poured out; when the wheat is ground to flour that it feeds and nourishes us; when the spices are pounded, or the incense is burned, that the odor of their fragrance fills the air. Love shows its truest beauty in the sacrifices of an unselfish heart and a proud spirit broken by grief for the misfortunes of others. As long as the

traveler stays in the valley he can never see the glory of the sunrise. As long as we cling to the material and sordid things of life we shall not lay hold of God's promises to David that we shall be established in strength.

"If I could have my name endure
I'll write it on the hearts of men
In characters of living light,
Of kindly deeds and actions wrought;
And these beyond the touch of time,
Shall live immortal as my thought."

Life, labor, and love—there abideth all these three; but the greatest of all is love. No material thing grows by simply adding something to itself. Everything that has life grows by a converting process which transforms food into nourishment. The beauty sleeping in the seed is not seen until the sun unfolds the marvelous color of the flower and its fragrance fills the air. It is not known what beauty enfolds the artist's brain until we discover his mind in the glowing colors on the canvas, or see it in the transcendent glory of the statue his hand has shaped from the cold marble. So our lives are full of mysteries until the draperies that cover them have fallen aside and we are revealed for what we are. But even the beauty of the painting and the glory of the statue are artificial. The marvelous color of the flower changes from hour to hour until its full fruition is wrought out. So must our lives be, each change that takes place in them must show some newer glory, some brighter spirit, some holier love, else we stagnate, and are inert and worthless. It was Whittier who said:

"Our lives are albums written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years,
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

This present hour only is our own. All the rest are borrowed out of the great treasury whose interest coupons are never entirely paid and are never exhausted. The lives of these brothers who have gone before "flowed from their mysterious urn a sacred stream into whose calm depths the beautiful and the pure alone are mirrored." Our lives are missions. And our mission is to so build that love will gild every wall in the temples we

raise, so labor that love will flow out from us like a sparkling stream from a crystal fountain until it overflows all the world at our feet.

“Thus at the flaming forge of life
Our fortunes must be wrought;
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped
Each burning deed and thought.”

The sun is a rising and advancing sun; occasionally there may be a cloud or a transitory eclipse, but the early dawn will bring the perfect day. Life must be shining and progressive, not stationary. The soul of the perfect life will rise out of the shadows at its horizon, ascending higher and higher, until its light and warmth is seen and felt in the hearts of all. As the flower can become beautiful only by turning its opening petals to the shining sun, so our lives can become perfected only by the luminous glory of love. We of the mystic tie are taught that life is like the rough ashlar of marble, which we are to take from the quarries and fashion into a form of grace and loveliness.

“O, hallowed life! O, love that blends
To find accord in hearts of friends,
And leads to joy that never ends—
Since God is love, and love is all.”

The glory of the morning at the beginning of dawn presages the coming of the sun which is to give light and warmth to the day. So the smile of affection on the face of the brother tells of the fountain of love within that is to gush forth as he bewails misfortune and relieves distress. These brothers whose presence we miss here today went down into the valley with shining faces, the dreams of memories around many an altar brightening their weary eyes, the love of the brethren swelling their failing hearts. The love of brotherhood perishes not; but fed on the happiness it takes in ministering to others grows and ripens its eternal fruitage in the blossoming gardens of the Great Master. These are the hearts that the eternal sunshine falls upon only to quicken their desire and strengthen their power. We treasure the words and the deeds of these brothers as among our most precious memories; we hang them like perfect pictures upon the walls of our hearts, and when we are tired and worn and fretful we go there and look upon our treasures until rest comes, until their peace

becomes our peace, and we are once more girded for life's battles. Such are the consolations we receive from the dead who died in the faith.

"To me thou art not dead, but gone an hour
Into another country fair and sweet;
Where thou shalt, by some undiscovered power,
Be kept in youth and beauty till we meet."

We of this age are very much taken up with the problems of science and invention. But, after all, what are inventions and discoveries in the natural universe but the unraveling of the well-ordered skein of creative purpose and power. Such purpose may appear tangled to many of us, but when discovered by some intellect that goes a little deeper into the realms of mysterious force, or that spans upward a little higher toward the creative ideal, they appear natural and orderly.

The mind searching for truth is in the beginning like a traveler in a strange land in the dim dawn of morning. Every object is indistinct; he goes forward in a maze of doubt; but as the cold, gray dawn recedes before the increasing brightness and splendor of the morning light, his horizon expands, and at length the full glory and beauty of the sun falls over his entire pathway, and what a few moments before was dim and indistinct has now become radiant in its reality. Thus we come into knowledge by degrees. As the tiny torch of life burns in each seed until its hour appears, so do the rays of truth penetrate our minds as we are prepared to receive them.

Milton was poetry; Newton was science; Cæsar was power, but truth apprehends and comprehends all these, and the divine attribute of truth makes us free indeed. Thus our brothers labored in their respective avocations—each was a searcher after truth. They sought at the fountain head for the refined gold; they sought to cast aside the alloys of earth and to encase mortality with the hammered and tested gold of immortality.

The creative purpose in making man a dependent inhabitant of earth was that he might fit himself to become a dweller in paradise—a living stone in His temple. If our work here had to be done only through the power of the body God would have given us greater bodies and lesser intellects. We have no business, therefore, to fill

the niches in the temples of love and industry with useless effigies.

Duty calls us, brethren, this very hour. It has called us in all the hours of the past, and it will call us in all the hours of the future. And our first duty here is to one another. Thus are friendships created, and thus are they fed and nourished. One friend is more to us in life, and much more in death, than a multitude who pass coldly on the other side. Friendship is the fertilizer of love, and love is the chiefest flower in the gardens of God. Love cheers and warms like sunshine; it soothes us like a mother's lullaby; it inspires us with heavenly visions; it binds us with the links of golden chains; to it alone is given the power of victory over death. Thus the heart of man expanding with love goes ever forward to at last leave behind a great treasure that enriches the whole world; and it hangs on the path over which men must follow an entrancing perfume, the odor of which lingers until death overtakes.

Men with love in their hearts sit upon thrones like kings with empires at their command.

"The highest compact we can make with our fellows," says Emerson, "is that there be truth and love between us two forevermore. There can never be deep peace between two spirits, never mutual respect, until in their walk and conversation each stands for the whole world to the other." Herein lies the only secret the Masonic institution has—each is all the world to every other one who has the golden key, love.

It is a never-ending inspiration to us to have had with us men like these, men in whose hearts burned the unquenchable fires of affection. Like all true spirits they were devoted to the ideals and interests of life, yet they found time to give to those around them some thought of love. True and gentle, wise with the wisdom of the future, they passed to the land where dreams are untroubled, to "where beyond these voices there is peace."

Brothers, slowly and in sadness they were taken to the grave and there laid away each in his narrow bed. There among the scenes they each knew and loved in life they sleep well. They have left us their names to stir our memories as long as we shall live. But though their mortal frames mingle with the dust of mother earth

their spirits have entered into our hearts and fill with a benediction of love every secret chamber there.

“Where is thy spirit flown?
I gaze above—thy look is imaged there;
I listen—and thy gentle tone
Is on the air.”

As to that other life to which our footsteps hasten, we do not fully know what it is, but this we do know, that whatever it is our brothers are fully established. All earthly weakness has been cast aside; there they look at the eternal dawn, because “there shall be no night there, neither sorrow nor crying.”

“And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.”

We are taught that Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors. But we honor all these who have gone from us for the wealth of their brotherly love and affection, and for their helpfulness while in the world; they honored the institution in life, so should we honor them in death.

During the year past six hundred and eleven have gone from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Master on high. Their names and the particular lodges where they had their Masonic home will be in the report of your Grand Secretary. Among them are four brethren whom this Grand Lodge had particularly honored, and who had served it well. One of these, Brother William B. Allison, of Mosaic Lodge, No. 125, at Dubuque, whose pathetic death occurred August 4, 1908, had served his state and the nation for thirty-six years in the Senate of the United States, where he had come to be recognized as the leader of that great body of legislators. He was born in Perry, Ohio, March 2, 1829, and was made a Mason while yet a young man in that state. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm, but in early manhood he took up the study of law, and was admitted to practice in 1850, at the age of twenty-one years. He remained in Ohio until 1857, practicing his profession, but in that year came to Dubuque, this state. On March 25, 1858, Brother Allison joined with others in organizing Mosaic Lodge; of the thirteen who with him were the charter members, he was the last to survive.

For his contributions to all the activities of the institution, and because of his having been active in promoting the interests of the Iowa Masonic Library, in having it placed on the list to receive government publications, this Grand Lodge at its session in 1888 elected him an honorary member with the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden. During the fall of that year Brother Allison, in a brief letter, acknowledged this honor which gave him great pleasure, and it was made a part of the Proceedings of the session of 1889. Brother Allison was one of the great men who did not deem it derogatory to their dignity to patronize the assemblies of the craft, and his long life of usefulness bore testimony to the faithfulness with which he kept his vows and honored the fraternity.

Another shining light in this jurisdiction went out in the death of Brother L. B. Dunton, of Relief Lodge, No. 211, at Riceville, Iowa, who was past Junior Grand Deacon. From the meager information which your committee has been able to gather it is learned that Brother Dunton served his lodge with fidelity and zeal, and fulfilled manfully every obligation placed upon him. He died at Riceville, October 2, 1908. His death was untimely and his brethren mourn the departure of a good man, an exemplary citizen, and an active and untiring member of the fraternity.

Still another of the shining ones went down into the deep waters in the death, March 15th of this year, of Past Senior Grand Warden C. H. Shaw, of Marshall Lodge, No. 108, at Marshalltown. At the time of his death he was one of your District Lecturers, and bore a wide acquaintance among the fraternity. Brother Shaw was born at Standish, Maine, November 15, 1833. He came to Iowa in 1861, settling at Newton, Jasper county, where he was made a Mason in 1864. From June, 1874, to January, 1882, he was a member of Cyrus Lodge No. 338, of Gilman, he being one of its charter members and organizers. From 1882 until his death he was a member of Marshall Lodge, No. 108. Brother Shaw had been a very active Mason all his long life. He took a deep and abiding interest in all that concerned the fraternity, was well informed in all the work and lectures of the Symbolic Degrees, and was helpful to the brethren

wherever constituted. He had received civil honors, and during the civil war had been commissioned a captain of volunteers, serving his country with the same fidelity and zeal that marked his career as a Mason.

His last work was securing a subscription for the building of a Masonic Temple in Marshalltown, and he lived to see the fruit of his labor. Death came to him without warning as he was on his way to officiate in the capacity of Worshipful Master at the funeral of a brother. His home lodge mourns the loss of "one who was faithful unto death," and this Grand Lodge here makes this slight record of his virtues as a man and Mason secure in the archives of Masonry for all time.

The last of this quartette of distinguished brothers to quit this earthly tabernacle during the year was Brother and Rev. S. R. J. Hoyt, of Parian Lodge, No. 321, at Harlan, who died May 12th, this year. Brother Hoyt was made a Master Mason in Davenport Lodge, No. 37, that city; and also became a member of the concordant orders there. He was afterward made a Royal and Select Master in Adelphi Council, No. 4, at Harlan. Later he became affiliated with the Masonic orders in Harlan. He was Past High Priest of Olivet Chapter, at Harlan, and at the time of his death was Eminent Commander of Mt. Zion Commandery of that place, and was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council and of the Grand Chapter of this state. In 1907 he served this Grand Lodge as Chaplain.

Brother Hoyt was a native of Meriden, Conn., where he was born December 9, 1839. Like his father he was a priest of the Protestant Episcopal church, which he had served with much ability and great fidelity for a period of forty years, both as priest and as missionary, having been three times to China on his Master's business. His life was filled with good deeds; his ministering hand was felt wherever human aid was needed, if within his reach. His brethren throughout the state and the entire community at Harlan mourn in sincerity and love the passing of this good man. His body rests in the beautiful cemetery near Davenport, whither it was conveyed by the brethren from his home lodge, and escorted to the grave by St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery, No. 9, of Davenport, where he first learned the lessons taught

by the Knights Templar. As was well said by his biographers: "In every sphere of his active life this shining example of God's handiwork has left a void in his departure that will make his memory a treasure for years to come. Like every individual of similar mold, his value can be more accurately measured now that we are deprived of the inspiring influence of his hallowing personality."

In conclusion, brethren, while we mourn the departure of these faithful brethren let us not forget the affliction laid upon our brother, Past Grand Master R. M. Hunter, whose noble wife laid down the burden of life June 10, 1908, just after this Grand Lodge had closed its last session. Your committee is sure that each brother here will not fail to tender his sympathy with Brother Hunter in his great sorrow.

In addition to our own losses fifteen of our sister jurisdictions have been called on during the year to mourn the loss of Grand Officers, past and sitting. They, too, are worthy our sympathy.

Your committee recommends that a page in the report of this meeting be set apart as a memorial to the dead in our own state and another to the dead of sister jurisdictions.

"A little more laughter, a few more tears,
And we shall have told our increasing years,
The book is closed and the prayers are said,
And we are a part of the countless dead—
Thrice happy, if then some soul can say,
'I live because he has passed my way.'"

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY A. COOK, *Chairman.*

REPORT TRUSTEES OF GRAND LODGE.

Brother Crom. Bowen (110), Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Trustees. On his motion, so much as refers to finance was referred to the Committee on Finance. Balance of report was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



THE Board of Trustees, being in a way the representative of the "business end" of the Grand Lodge, submit herewith a brief statement of their actions during the past year.

The business department has run so smoothly during the year that the Board of Trustees has had little other than routine matters to attend to. It has held two meetings only since the meeting of Grand Lodge, most of the work being done by correspondence.

The first meeting was held on the 29th of August, at which time the renewal of the insurance on the Library building and its contents was arranged, and the cost thereof, \$370.50, was paid out of the general appropriation. At this meeting, also, the bids heretofore received by the Grand Secretary, under direction of the Board, for the supply of coal for the year, were examined, and the contract let to the lowest bidder—being the Cedar Rapids Fuel Co.

At this meeting your Board of Trustees arranged for improvements in the furnishing of the Annex building, which improvements were thereafter carried out, under the direction of the Grand Secretary and one of the members of the Board, at a cost of \$440.74, and the same was paid for out of the improvement account, on which there was a balance unexpended last year, and there is left a balance in the fund of \$135.23. This amount we recommend be retained for such further improvements as may from time to time be found necessary.

The second meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the 23d of January, 1909, at the Grand Secretary's office, at which time the subject of the card membership of the Grand Lodge was discussed and disposed of, as hereinafter set forth.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge there was appropriated for installation of the card system "if Trustees decide desirable, the sum of \$1,200." For various reasons the Trustees were not able to make as full and complete an investigation of the card system of membership of the Grand Lodge as it had desired to do until this meeting held in January last. The members of the Board had, prior to that time, each separately made an investigation of the subject

and the cost thereof, and at that meeting adopted a resolution authorizing and empowering the Grand Secretary to cause to be prepared a complete system of card membership of the present Masons belonging to this Grand Lodge, as shown by the returns of lodges for the year 1908; that he be empowered and authorized to employ one or more competent persons to prepare the same, at a compensation not to exceed \$50 per month for each person so employed, and that he be authorized and empowered to procure the necessary cards for a complete card system of indexing, and instructed to keep said card index or system within the limit of the present membership as above defined, and that the preparation of said card index or system be under the supervision of Most Worshipful Grand Master Martin.

In accordance with the letter and spirit of the above resolution, the Grand Secretary has procured the necessary number of cards and entered upon the work of filling out the necessary data to make a complete card index of the present membership of the Grand Lodge. This work has progressed even more rapidly than was anticipated by the Board of Trustees, and, as shown by the report of the Grand Secretary and the Committee on Chartered Lodges, the work is being satisfactorily performed, and the cost has been kept within the appropriation made, a surplus of \$401.39 still remaining for future use.

The Board of Trustees do not hesitate, after having made a thorough investigation of the subject, to recommend that this work be continued until the complete data of the present membership shall have been procured at least so far as possible, and the system thus adopted be kept up in the future. And to that end we recommend that there be a special appropriation of \$800 in addition to the unexpended balance to continue this work during the coming year.

One year ago the Board of Trustees promised this Grand Lodge, in its report, that the History of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which has been under preparation for several years past, should be completed and distributed before the close of that year. In order to carry out the promise thus made, the Board of Trustees entered into a contract with "The Torch Press" for the printing and binding thereof. Several unforeseen circumstances have caused a delay in the final completion of this work. It is, however, now largely in print, but requires for its completion the preparation of a preface, a table of contents, and one or two additional sketches. We hope that this may be completed before the next session of this Grand Lodge, but do not dare to renew our promise heretofore so frequently made.

Attached hereto we submit an itemized statement of the amounts expended from the various funds under the direction of this Board.

Fraternally submitted,

CROM. BOWEN,
W. S. GARDNER,
Trustees.

For financial report, see page 295.

FURTHER REPORT.

Brother W. S. Gardner (100), Past Grand Master, presented the following. On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

In regard to that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relative to a new edition of the Code, which was referred to your Board of Trustees, we beg to report that we find there is a sufficient number on hand to supply the demand for another year.

We, therefore, recommend that the publishing of a new edition be deferred until after the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CROM. BOWEN,
W. S. GARDNER,
Trustees.

REPORT ON FINANCE (Second).

Brother C. E. Narey (329) presented a supplementary report with reference to "Traveling Libraries." On motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution concerning "Traveling Libraries," have carefully considered the same, and after making numerous inquiries, we are of the opinion that many of the smaller lodges would be greatly benefitted by the installation of these "Traveling Libraries."

We, therefore, recommend that an appropriation of five hundred (\$500) dollars be made for this purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. NAREY,
D. D. CARLTON,
GEO. L. SCHOONOVER,
Committee.

REPORT ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Brother L. E. Fellows (144), Past Grand Master, presented the report of the committee on amendments to the Code, Sections 159 and 250, as required by Section 9 of the Code.

Action thereon, under the law, laid over until tomorrow.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has had under consideration the proposed amendments to the Code as substitutes for Sections 159 and 250, and recommend the adoption thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

C. T. GRANGER, *for Committee.*

REPORT ON CHARTERED LODGES (Third).

Brother Frank S. Moses (255) presented the report of the committee having reference to record of defunct lodges and uniform blanks. Same was—

Adopted, and so much as refers to finance, under the law, was referred to Committee on Finance.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



IN REGARD to the paragraph in the Grand Secretary's report referring to records of defunct lodges, this committee would recommend that these be examined and a record of the membership of these lodges and such other items as appear to be of current or prospective importance be transcribed and made a part of the card index under the appropriation for that purpose.

We also offer the following:

WHEREAS, The necessity occurs for a revision of the blanks for annual returns, owing to the installation of the card system index of membership, and the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Committee on Chartered Lodges urge the further necessity of continuing the identification cards without any expense to the individual lodges or members, and the preparation and distribution of a complete series of uniform blanks and records in forms as prescribed by our laws; be it—

Resolved, That the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and the chairman of the Committee on Chartered Lodges be authorized as a special committee to prepare a complete series of all standard blanks and books as required by our laws for the use of the Grand Lodge and all the lodges; have such quantities of same as they may deem proper and expedient printed, and a complete set of samples of same furnished to each lodge, with instructions that no other than these authorized blanks or forms are to be used in the future, either as they may be procured from the Grand Secretary's office or supplied by local printers in conformity to the samples as prepared by this committee.

Resolved, That this above mentioned committee be authorized to use from the general fund such amount as may be found necessary to

carry out the provisions of this resolution, upon vouchers authorized and signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, reporting fully on the same at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. MOSES,
MILO J. GABRIEL,
R. H. MALONY,
Committee.

RESOLUTION—JEWELS FOR GRAND LODGE.

Brother W. F. Fidler (37) offered the following. On motion, same was—

Referred to Committee on Finance.

WHEREAS, The jewels of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa have served their purpose long and well; therefore, be it—

Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized to procure a new set of jewels for this Grand Lodge, and that the old jewels be deposited in the Masonic Museum Department of the Masonic Library as heirlooms of a past generation.

Resolved, That when bill is approved by Trustees an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in payment of same.

RESOLUTION—IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Brother F. W. Craig (110) offered the following. On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to issue identification cards to the Secretary of each local lodge, and that the Secretary of each local lodge be required to issue such a card to each member annually upon the payment by such member of his dues for the current year.

RECEPTION OF AGED MEMBERS.

The Grand Master presented to the members of the Grand Lodge Brother Nathan Scofield, a proxy of the Junior Warden of Strawberry Point Lodge, No. 130, and Brother R. D. Minard, a proxy of the Senior Warden of Model Lodge, No. 315, both of who were in their eighty-third year, and stated that both of these brethren were present at the first session of Grand Lodge held in Davenport fifty years ago.

The brethren briefly addressed the Grand Lodge, giving many pleasant and humorous accounts of Masonry in Iowa a half century ago.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Brother H. C. Jones (79) extended a cordial invitation to the Grand Lodge to hold its next meeting in the city of Boone. Brother H. O. Kelley (105) extended a like invitation in behalf of Waterloo Lodge, No. 105. On ballot being taken

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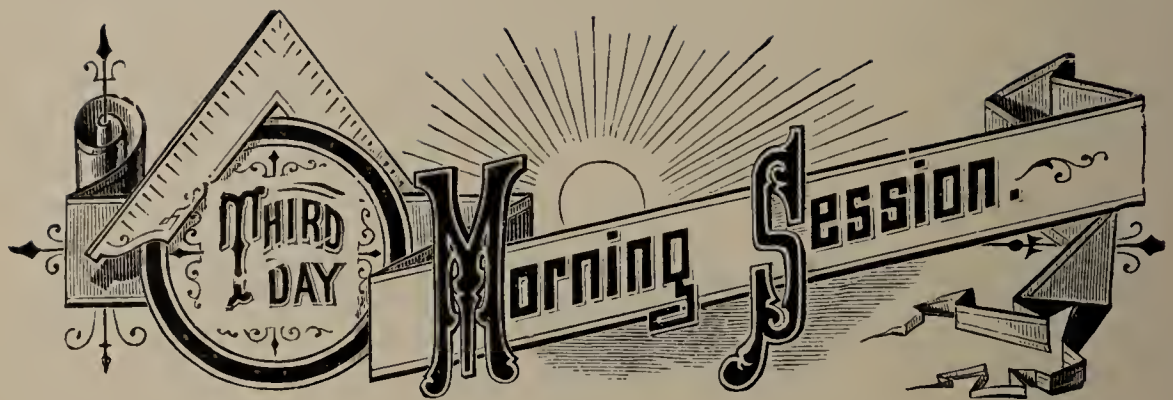
was selected as the place of next meeting, second Tuesday (fourteenth day) in June, A. D. 1910.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) morning.

Attest:

Newton R. Parvin
Grand Secretary.



THURSDAY, June 3, A. D. 1909.

CALLED TO LABOR.



WHEN the hour, 9 o'clock, to which the Grand Lodge was called off, arrived, Grand Master P. J. Martin (105) called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor upon the third degree.

PRAYER.

The Grand Chaplain, Brother Walter H. Rollins (105), invoked divine blessing.

MINUTES.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the second day's session. Same were—

Approved.

REPORT ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES (Second).

Brother H. M. Towner (275) presented and read report having reference to Arcturus Lodge, No. 237, *vs.* Pleiades Lodge, No. 248. Same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to submit the following additional report:

ARCTURUS LODGE, No. 237, }
 vs. }
 PLEIADES LODGE, No. 248. } *Invasion of Territory—Dismissed.*

The complainant lodge charges that the respondent lodge invaded their territory by the initiation of one Ward M. Allen, who was at the time a resident of Castalia, a town within the Masonic jurisdiction of the complainant lodge.

The respondent claims that at said time the said Allen was a resident of Fayette and within their jurisdiction.

It appears that said Allen prior to the fall of 1904 resided with his father at Castalia, at that time within the jurisdiction of the complainant lodge. In the fall of 1904 he removed to Fayette and entered the school at that place. In his statement submitted, he says: "I became a resident of Fayette, Iowa, in September, 1904; that my purpose in residing at Fayette was to attend the Upper Iowa University, located at that place, and at the end of the school year year take up the study of law in the office of Alex. Birss, a regular practicing attorney in said town." January 31, 1905, he petitioned for membership in the Fayette lodge. In such application he stated that his residence was Fayette, Iowa, where he had resided six months.

The complainant lodge has introduced some evidence which seems to cast some doubts upon the good faith of these declarations, but in view of the precedents we find that the respondent lodge was justified in receiving the petition and initiating the candidate.

In any event we should be very loath to enforce a forfeiture and penalty in this case. This controversy arose in 1904. It has been dragging along ever since. It has once before been presented to this committee, and during the years it has been pending much of the records, communications, actions taken, and evidence important for a fair and intelligent determination has been lost. The matter has been presented in same form to four Grand Masters. Such claims should be vigorously prosecuted and promptly submitted.

For the reasons stated, the complaint for forfeiture and penalty is dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. CLEMENTS,

H. M. TOWNER,

W. A. WESTFALL,

Committee.

FURTHER REPORT.

Brother W. A. Westfall (266), from the same committee, presented a further report relative to reinstatement of expelled members. On his motion, same was —

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to submit the following additional report:

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| EARNEST LODGE, No. 399, | } <i>Expulsion Affirmed.</i> |
| vs. | |
| WILLIAM G. MOYER. | |

At a regular communication of the lodge held on the 16th day of March, 1908, an information was filed against Brother William G. Moyer, of Earnest Lodge, No. 399, of Emmetsburg, Iowa, charging the accused with cheating, wronging, and defrauding brother Master Masons. The information is very long, containing six specific charges, and the first charge alone having fourteen sub-divisions, it was thought best by the committee to report the information in substance only.

The accused was cited to appear for trial on the 27th day of April, 1908, and did in fact appear in person and by attorney.

The proceedings in this case are very voluminous, but your committee has determined that said proceedings were regular in every particular. The testimony in some instances was conflicting, but it appears from the testimony of the accused himself that the lodge had ample grounds upon which to arrive at a verdict of guilty.

While the information makes some charges against the accused, and evidence was introduced to sustain said charges, which do not necessarily constitute a Masonic offense, yet some of the charges do constitute a Masonic offense and were amply sustained by the evidence.

It is, therefore, the duty of the committee to affirm the action of the lodge.

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| AUBURN LODGE, No. 592, | } <i>Invasion of Territory—Sustained.</i> |
| vs. | |
| KING DAVID LODGE, No. 407. | |

On the 3d day of October, 1908, Auburn Lodge, No. 592, of Des Moines, Iowa, filed with the Grand Master, P. J. Martin, a complaint against King David Lodge, No. 407, of Altoona, Iowa, for invading the jurisdiction of said Auburn Lodge, No. 592.

There seems to be no question in this case that when King David Lodge, No. 407, elected and conferred the degrees upon Brother Howard Ross that said lodge invaded the jurisdiction of Auburn Lodge, No. 592.

The fees of King David Lodge, No. 407, and the penalty as provided by the Masonic Code are \$40.00, and as Auburn Lodge, No. 592, has concurrent jurisdiction with four other lodges in Des Moines, the committee has determined that Auburn Lodge, No. 592, is entitled to one-fifth of the fees and penalty, or the sum of \$8.00.

It is therefore ordered that King David Lodge, No. 407, pay to Auburn Lodge, No. 592, the sum of \$8.00 for the said invasion of jurisdiction.

There have been referred to the committee five petitions for reinstatement, viz.:

Petition of Albert M. Cox for reinstatement in Antiquity Lodge, No. 252, Moravia, Iowa.

Petition of M. Kinser for reinstatement in Antiquity Lodge, No. 252, Moravia, Iowa.

Petition of H. M. Rhodes for reinstatement in Butler Lodge, No. 94, Clarksville, Iowa.

Petition of J. Riezenstine for reinstatement in Osceola Lodge, No. 77, Osceola, Iowa.

Petition of A. R. Wolgamot for reinstatement in Acacia Lodge, No. 176, Webster City, Iowa.

Each of the said brethren have been unanimously elected for reinstatement in their respective lodges.

All of said petitions are in regular form and properly certified by the Master and Secretary of the respective lodges.

We recommend that all of said brethren be reinstated.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. CLEMENTS,

H. M. TOWNER,

W. A. WESTFALL,

Committee.

RECEPTION OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Brother F. L. Bills (37), chairman of the Committee on Visitors, presented to the Grand Master and the brethren Brother Louis Block (208), Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, who was received as the presiding officer of a sister Grand Body with which we are in fraternal relation, and which body is recognized by our code of laws as having sole jurisdiction over all Royal Arch Masons in the state of Iowa.

RESPONSE.

Brother Louis Block (208) spoke of the friendly relations which have existed and which he trusted would ever exist between the two respective Grand Bodies, that of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons over which he had the honor to preside.

He assured the brethren that he appreciated the honor which had been extended and thanked them for the courtesy, and on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa he pre-

sented their most cordial greetings and wished the Grand Lodge of Iowa God speed in the work in which it is engaged.

RESOLUTION—PAST GRAND MASTERS' JEWELS.

Brother C. Huttenlocher (110) presented the following, which, on motion, was—

Adopted, and so much as refers to finance referred to the Committee on Finance.

Be it Resolved, That the Finance Committee appropriate not to exceed sixty (\$60.00) dollars each for purchase of suitable jewels for all living resident Past Grand Masters.

Be it further Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a committee of three to select and purchase such jewels, and that they be presented at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Brother F. W. Craig (110) offered the following, which was—

Unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, A delightful week has been spent in Davenport and nothing has been left undone that could add to our comfort and enjoyment. We have regrets only that our delightful stay in this beautiful city, amid her loyal Masons and hospitable citizens, must come to a close; but we shall carry away with us an added store to our pleasant memories gained here in the past and with stronger friendships and acquaintances here formed.

Rarely has Grand Lodge been so well entertained, and we desire in some slight manner, at least, to express our appreciation for the many favors which we have received. Therefore—

Be it Resolved, That for such favors and courtesies received the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended—

To the Davenport Commercial Club.

To Col. F. E. Hobbs, Commander of Rock Island Arsenal.

To Kaaba Temple Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

To Zarephath Consistory, No. 4, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

To the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star.

To the newspapers of the city.

And especially to our brethren, the committees, officers, and members of Davenport Lodge, No. 37; Trinity Lodge, No. 208, and Fraternal Lodge, No. 221.

REPORT ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

W. L. Ehlers (474) presented the following. On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



COMMITTEE on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to make the following report:

In accordance with the provisions of the Code, we have carefully computed the distance from the several lodges to the city of Davenport.

We have taken the attendance from the report of the Committee on Credentials and herewith submit the annexed table, showing the compensation due the delegates, together with the names of the representatives entitled to draw the same.

We find the mileage to be \$4,459.20, the per diem is \$2,642.00, or a total for mileage and per diem of \$7,101.20.

The Grand Officers' pay-roll (A) is \$376.75; Committees' and Trustees' pay-roll (B) is \$781.33; Custodians' and District Lecturers' pay-roll (C) is \$706.32, making the total compensation of officers, committees, and members \$8,965.60, or an average of \$19.87 for each lodge represented.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. L. EHLERS,
J. L. FARRINGTON,
L. F. DANFORTH,
Committee.

PAY-ROLLS GRAND OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, TRUSTEES,
CUSTODIANS, AND DISTRICT LECTURERS.

(As furnished by the Committee on Finance, and included in their
estimate and report for the year 1909.)

A. GRAND OFFICERS.

| Title. | Name. | Amount. | To Whom Paid. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Grand Master..... | P. J. Martin | \$ 58 13 | †P. J. Martin..... |
| Senior Grand Warden... | Wm. Hutchinson..... | 42 47 | Wm. Hutchinson..... |
| Junior Grand Warden... | F. F. Wood | 20 00 | F. F. Wood |
| Grand Treasurer..... | W. G. Newsome..... | 23 95 | W. G. Newsome |
| Grand Secretary..... | N. R. Parvin..... | 45 00 | †N. R. Parvin..... |
| Deputy Grand Secretary. | Alf. Wingate..... | 30 00 | Alf. Wingate..... |
| Deputy Grand Master... | J. W. Barry..... | 11 50 | J. W. Barry..... |
| Grand Chaplain | W. H. Rollins... .. | 15 00 | *W. H. Rollins..... |
| Grand Marshal..... | J. C. Jepson..... | 15 46 | J. C. Jepson..... |
| Senior Grand Deacon... | J. N. North | 8 70 | *J. N. North..... |
| Junior Grand Deacon... | J. A. Douglas..... | 19 88 | J. A. Douglas..... |
| Senior Grand Steward. | P. G. Smith..... | 28 09 | P. G. Smith..... |
| Junior Grand Steward . | W. J. Semmons..... | 18 92 | W. J. Semmons..... |
| Grand Tyler..... | A. N. Alberson | 39 65 | A. N. Alberson..... |
| | | \$ 376 75 | |

†Includes \$39.05 amount overpaid (See page 290).

†Includes rent of two rooms for office during session.

*Paid by draft.

B. TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES.

| Title. | Name. | Amount. | To Whom Paid. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Trustees Grand Charity Fund | { Thos. Lambert..... | \$ 28 02 | *Thos. Lambert..... |
| | { J. D. Gamble | 17 30 | *J. D. Gamble |
| | { G. W. Ball | 13 91 | *G. W. Ball..... |
| Trustees of Grand Lodge.... | { Crom. Bowen..... | 30 88 | *Crom. Bowen..... |
| | { W. S. Gardner..... | 11 00 | *W. S. Gardner..... |
| | { W. L. Eaton..... | ..... | ..... |
| Credentials..... | { H. M. Belt..... | 23 00 | H. M. Belt..... |
| | { J. H. Shipley..... | 25 70 | J. H. Shipley. |
| | { Thos. Abbey | 16 06 | Thos Abbey..... |
| Lodges Under Dispensation. | { K. T. Lamb..... | 18 25 | *K. T. Lamb..... |
| | { H. A. Tobie..... | 15 50 | *H. A. Tobie |
| | { Allen Meader..... | 15 36 | *Allen Meader..... |
| Chartered Lodges | { F. S. Moses | 35 56 | F. S. Moses |
| | { M. J. Gabriel..... | 15 30 | M. J. Gabriel |
| | { R. H. Malony..... | 20 80 | *R. H. Malony..... |
| Grand Master's Address | { F. W. Craig..... | 24 95 | F. W. Craig |
| | { S. C. Huber..... | 17 18 | *S. C. Huber..... |
| | { F. E. Sternberg..... | 15 26 | F. E. Sternberg..... |
| Appeals and Grievanees.... | { D. W. Clements..... | 29 49 | D. W. Clements |
| | { H. M. Towner..... | 27 76 | H. M. Towner..... |
| | { W. A. Westfall | 31 47 | W. A. Westfall |
| Masonic Jurisprudence..... | { L. E. Fellows..... | 15 08 | *L. E. Fellows..... |
| | { W. H. Norris | 19 60 | W. H. Norris..... |
| | { W. F. Cleveland..... | 33 00 | W. F. Cleveland..... |
| Finance | { R. M. Hunter..... | 26 02 | R. M. Hunter..... |
| | { C. E. Narey..... | 51 98 | C. E. Narey..... |
| | { D. D. Carlton..... | 35 24 | D. D. Carlton |
| Mileage and Per Diem..... | { G. L. Schoonover.... | 27 85 | G. L. Schoonover.... |
| | { W. L. Ehlers | 43 85 | W. L. Ehlers..... |
| | { J. L. Farrington..... | 16 90 | J. L. Farrington..... |
| Grand Lodge Library..... | { L. F. Danforth | 23 76 | L. F. Danforth |
| Fraternal Correspondence.. | H. W. Hughes..... | 19 50 | H. W. Hughes..... |
| Fraternal Dead..... | Louis Block | 11 30 | Louis Block |
| | H. A. Cook | 24 50 | *H. A. Cook..... |
| | | \$ 781 33 | |

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C. CUSTODIANS AND DISTRICT LECTURERS.

| Name. | Amount. | To Whom Paid. |
|----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| C. T. Granger..... | \$ 70.75 | C. T. Granger..... |
| O. N. Wagley..... | 68.67 | O. N. Wagley..... |
| C. C. Clark..... | 44.40 | C. C. Clark..... |
| F. M. West..... | 14.40 | *F. M. West..... |
| N. P. Sommers..... | 15.70 | *N. P. Sommers..... |
| J. A. Douglas..... | 6 00 | J. A. Douglas..... |
| Max Katz..... | 15.85 | Max Katz..... |
| J. E. Brooks..... | 19 00 | *J. E. Brooks..... |
| John A. Barr..... | 19 00 | *J. A. Barr..... |
| R. B. Oldham..... | 6.00 | *R. B. Oldham..... |
| L. W. Clayton..... | 15.70 | *L. W. Clayton..... |
| F. W. Walsmith..... | 26.85 | *F. W. Walsmith..... |
| M. E. Patterson..... | 24.70 | *M. E. Patterson..... |
| E. B. Pritchard..... | 15.20 | *E. B. Pritchard..... |
| H. J. Whitcomb..... | 6.00 | H. J. Whitcomb..... |
| F. A. Lee..... | 6 00 | *F. A. Lee..... |
| C. D. Becker..... | 12.65 | C. D. Becker..... |
| F. W. Perry..... | 6.00 | *F. W. Perry..... |
| C. C. Hunt..... | 11.85 | C. C. Hunt..... |
| T. S. Kendall..... | 14.75 | T. S. Kendall by J. A. W..... |
| L. H. Warren..... | 14.75 | *L. H. Warren..... |
| E. L. Ketterman..... | 4.00 | *E. L. Ketterman..... |
| S. H. Watson..... | 9 20 | *S. H. Watson..... |
| J. N. Shoop..... | 6.00 | J. N. Shoop..... |
| P. E. VanHoesen..... | 14.75 | P. E. VanHoesen by W. A. L..... |
| Will A. Luge..... | 8.00 | Will A. Luge..... |
| E. M. Crosswait..... | 14.25 | *E. M. Crosswait..... |
| J. H. Halford..... | 19.50 | J. H. Halford..... |
| J. A. West..... | 4.00 | J. A. West..... |
| Geo. W. Lipe..... | 21.85 | Geo. W. Lipe..... |
| J. C. Madsen..... | 19.85 | *J. C. Madsen..... |
| T. A. Hallett..... | 14.75 | *T. A. Hallett..... |
| H. C. Jones..... | 15.85 | *H. C. Jones..... |
| G. E. Riemcke..... | 5.45 | *G. A. Riemcke..... |
| J. L. Platt..... | 2.00 | *J. L. Platt..... |
| H. W. Hughes..... | 2.00 | H. W. Hughes..... |
| F. B. Whitaker..... | 6.00 | F. B. Whitaker..... |
| C. S. Percival..... | 13 05 | C. S. Percival by J. W. P..... |
| T. P. Bence..... | 12.60 | *T. P. Bence..... |
| F. L. VanHoesen..... | 10 75 | *F. L. VanHoesen..... |
| G. F. Whitcomb..... | 4 00 | *G. F. Whitcomb..... |
| Geo. E. Brooks..... | 19.00 | *Geo. E. Brooks..... |
| H. A. Smith..... | 19.00 | *H. A. Smith..... |
| W. C. Phillips..... | 20.25 | *W. C. Phillips..... |
| T. E. Powers..... | 6.00 | *T. E. Powers..... |
| | \$706.32 | |

D. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Miles. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. | To Whom Paid. |
|-----|------------------|--------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| 2 | Iowa | 29 | \$ 1.45 | \$ 6.00 | \$ 7.45 | E. P. Ingham |
| 3 | Dubuque | 95 | 4.75 | 6.00 | 10.75 | Wm. Gere |
| 4 | Iowa City..... | 54 | 2.70 | 6.00 | 8.70 | *R. L. Dunlop |
| 5 | Wapello | 61 | 3.05 | 6.00 | 9.05 | A H Dewein |
| 6 | Marion | 82 | 4.10 | 6.00 | 10.10 | J. Mo'reh'd by C.C.D. |
| 8 | Mt. Pleasant.... | 119 | 5.95 | 6.00 | 11.95 | W. R. Young..... |
| 10 | Keosauqua | 135 | 6.75 | 6.00 | 12.75 | H. E. Duckworth... |
| 11 | Cedar | 40 | 2.00 | 6.00 | 8.00 | W.E.C'tr'l by G.H.K. |
| 12 | Eagle | 134 | 6.70 | 6.00 | 12.70 | J. M. Marsh..... |
| 13 | Claypoole | 110 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 11.50 | E. H. Rudd..... |
| 14 | Franklin | 132 | 6.60 | 6.00 | 12.60 | *G. P. Fryberger.... |
| 15 | Clinton | 96 | 4.80 | 6.00 | 10.80 | *J. S. Gaumer..... |
| 16 | Ottumwa | 107 | 5.35 | 6.00 | 11.35 | Thos. Turner..... |

*Paid by Draft.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Miles. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. | To Whom Paid. |
|-----|-------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|----------------------|
| 17 | Salem | 131 | 6.55 | 6.00 | 12.55 | C. A. Stevens..... |
| 18 | Tri-Luminar | 120 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 12.00 | F. W. Glaze..... |
| 21 | Olive Branch.... | 114 | 5.70 | 6.00 | 11.70 | C. R. Reynolds..... |
| 22 | Pioneer | 175 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 14.75 | E. F. Bourne..... |
| 24 | Golden Rule..... | 40 | 2.00 | 6.00 | 8.00 | Geo. W. Heabner... |
| 25 | Crescent | 79 | 3.95 | 6.00 | 9.95 | H. Livingston..... |
| 26 | Washington | 67 | 3.35 | 6.00 | 9.35 | C. E. Myers..... |
| 27 | Mt. Moriah..... | 146 | 7.30 | 6.00 | 13.30 | *H. F. Barton |
| 28 | New London..... | 118 | 5.90 | 6.00 | 11.90 | C. Nugen..... |
| 29 | Hardin | 134 | 6.70 | 6.00 | 12.70 | *H. R. Collins..... |
| 34 | DeWitt | 24 | 1.20 | 6.00 | 7.20 | C. C. Christiansen.. |
| 36 | Helion | 43 | 2.15 | 6.00 | 8.15 | Harry Fischer..... |
| 37 | Davenport ..... | ... | .... | 6.00 | 6.00 | L. R. Campbell.... |
| 38 | Richland | 78 | 3.90 | 6.00 | 9.90 | H. Bruns |
| 40 | Troy | 130 | 6.50 | 6.00 | 12.50 | R. B. Parks..... |
| 43 | Evening Star.... | 217 | 10.85 | 6.00 | 16.85 | J. W. Frankelberger. |
| 44 | Snow | 14 | .70 | 6.00 | 6.70 | *J. A. Teeter |
| 46 | Anamosa | 72 | 3.60 | 6.00 | 9.60 | H. G. A. Harper.... |
| 48 | Danville | 103 | 5.15 | 6.00 | 11.15 | W. L. Arnold..... |
| 49 | Metropolitan ... | 95 | 4.75 | 6.00 | 10.75 | A. Galliard..... |
| 50 | Aurora | 160 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 14.00 | *J. C. Forbes..... |
| 52 | Lafayette | 117 | 5.85 | 6.00 | 11.85 | Wm. Blakely..... |
| 53 | Warren | 197 | 9.85 | 6.00 | 15.85 | John Cochran..... |
| 55 | Pella | 135 | 6.75 | 6.00 | 12.75 | Wm. A. Butt..... |
| 56 | Birmingham | 137 | 6.85 | 6.00 | 12.85 | W. P. Meek |
| 59 | Newton | 140 | 7.00 | 6.00 | 13.00 | Walter J. Morgan... |
| 61 | Oriental | 145 | 7.25 | 4.00 | 11.25 | W. H. Bye..... |
| 62 | Vinton | 102 | 5.10 | 6.00 | 11.10 | *Wm. C. Hulse..... |
| 63 | Chariton | 175 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 14.75 | Geo. G. Fancher.... |
| 65 | Black Hawk..... | 138 | 6.90 | 6.00 | 12.90 | M. E. Huffman..... |
| 66 | Union Band..... | 190 | 9.50 | 6.00 | 15.50 | T. J. Crawford..... |
| 67 | Constellation ... | 110 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 11.50 | W. H. Eppens..... |
| 69 | West Union..... | 154 | 7.70 | 6.00 | 13.70 | *C. J. McLaughlin.. |
| 70 | Clayton | 163 | 8.15 | 6.00 | 14.15 | E. F. Slitor |
| 71 | Bluff City..... | 317 | 15.85 | 6.00 | 21.85 | Chas. E. Walters.... |
| 72 | Elkader | 170 | 8.50 | 6.00 | 14.50 | Wm. E. Witt..... |
| 73 | Bonaparte | 141 | 7.05 | 6.00 | 13.05 | J. W. Persinger..... |
| 74 | Eddyville | 130 | 6.50 | 6.00 | 12.50 | C. S. Smith..... |
| 78 | Grand River..... | 212 | 10.60 | 6.00 | 16.60 | E. E. Bell..... |
| 79 | Mt. Olive..... | 237 | 11.85 | 6.00 | 17.85 | Robt. McBirnie..... |
| 80 | Adel | 197 | 9.85 | 6.00 | 15.85 | E. W. Dingwell..... |
| 81 | Benton City..... | 93 | 4.65 | 4.00 | 8.65 | C. E. Beatty..... |
| 83 | Hartford | 195 | 9.75 | 6.00 | 15.75 | Guy Coon..... |
| 86 | Jefferson | 130 | 6.50 | 6.00 | 12.50 | J. R. Shepard..... |
| 87 | Independence ... | 118 | 5.90 | 6.00 | 11.90 | *O. E. Finuf..... |
| 91 | Corydon | 182 | 9.10 | 6.00 | 15.10 | W. P. Allred..... |
| 93 | Lyons | 40 | 2.00 | 6.00 | 8.00 | C. A. Buechner..... |
| 94 | Butler | 160 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 14.00 | Albert Neal..... |
| 95 | Mt. Calvary..... | 38 | 1.90 | 6.00 | 7.90 | John McCann..... |
| 96 | Richmond | 66 | 3.30 | 6.00 | 9.30 | W. W. Jones..... |
| 99 | Nevada | 218 | 10.90 | 6.00 | 16.90 | *Fred G. Dunahugh. |
| 100 | Western Star.... | 38 | 1.90 | 6.00 | 7.90 | W. S. Whitford..... |
| 102 | Osage | 197 | 9.85 | 6.00 | 15.85 | Geo. J. Cummings.. |
| 103 | Landmark | 417 | 20.85 | 6.00 | 26.85 | Levi Bowker..... |
| 104 | Abingdon | 107 | 5.35 | 6.00 | 11.35 | F. R. Jones..... |
| 105 | Waterloo | 133 | 6.65 | 6.00 | 12.65 | *Samuel J. Hall.... |
| 106 | Martinsburg | 104 | 5.20 | 6.00 | 11.20 | *Allen Hawk..... |
| 107 | Columbus City... | 49 | 2.45 | 6.00 | 8.45 | S. L. Daniels..... |
| 108 | Marshall | 189 | 9.45 | 6.00 | 15.45 | R. W. Chamberlain |
| 109 | Decatur | 230 | 11.50 | 6.00 | 17.50 | T. A. Sutherlin..... |
| 110 | Capital | 175 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 14.75 | Jesse A. West..... |
| 111 | Ashlar | 232 | 11.60 | 6.00 | 17.60 | A. W. Day..... |
| 112 | Mt. Vernon..... | 103 | 5.15 | 6.00 | 11.15 | Geo. H. Soper..... |
| 113 | Polar Star..... | 180 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 15.00 | *Carney Leech..... |
| 114 | Marengo | 86 | 4.30 | 6.00 | 10.30 | B. C. Leib..... |
| 115 | Star | 200 | 10.00 | 6.00 | 16.00 | Ed. C. Carlson..... |
| 116 | Tyrrell | 155 | 7.75 | 4.00 | 11.75 | *F. A. Lee..... |
| 117 | Montague | 173 | 8.65 | 6.00 | 14.65 | *A. W. Crosson..... |
| 118 | Toledo | 140 | 7.00 | 6.00 | 13.00 | *P. K. Rebok..... |
| 119 | Unionville | 141 | 7.05 | 6.00 | 13.05 | C. W. Taylor..... |
| 120 | Adoniram | 90 | 4.50 | 6.00 | 10.50 | L. C. Henss..... |

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| 121 | Panora | 219 | 10.95 | 6.00 | 16.95 | D. G. Rees, Jr..... |
| 122 | Ionic | 34 | 1.70 | 6.00 | 7.70 | J. W. Crees..... |
| 123 | Orange | 235 | 11.75 | 4.00 | 15.75 | *W. S. Moore..... |
| 124 | Lovilia | 150 | 7.50 | 2.00 | 9.50 | Henri L. Gaddis..... |
| 125 | Mosaic | 95 | 4.75 | 6.00 | 10.75 | W. R. Oliver..... |
| 126 | Magnolia | 356 | 17.80 | 6.00 | 23.80 | F. M. Larison..... |
| 127 | Cascade | 107 | 5.35 | 6.00 | 11.35 | J. T. Bevan..... |
| 128 | Pleasant | 157 | 7.85 | 6.00 | 13.85 | Ira Benge..... |
| 129 | Bradford | 168 | 8.40 | 6.00 | 14.40 | W. R. Wright..... |
| 130 | Strawberry Point | 109 | 5.45 | 6.00 | 11.45 | Alex Porter..... |
| 131 | Equity | 146 | 7.30 | 6.00 | 13.30 | *W. S. Beatty..... |
| 135 | Bezer | 149 | 7.45 | 6.00 | 13.45 | *F. S. Richards..... |
| 136 | Joppa | 124 | 6.20 | 6.00 | 12.20 | John H. Noonan..... |
| 137 | Lewis | 266 | 13.30 | 6.00 | 19.30 | H. G. Cotton..... |
| 138 | Fontanelle | 263 | 13.15 | 6.00 | 19.15 | *Levin S Peck..... |
| 139 | Springville | 75 | 3.75 | 6.00 | 9.75 | J. W. Carbee..... |
| 140 | Nodaway | 285 | 14.25 | 6.00 | 20.25 | *T. E. Powers..... |
| 141 | St. Charles..... | 180 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 15.00 | W. V. Whitten..... |
| 142 | Vienna | 97 | 4.85 | 6.00 | 10.85 | E. G. Thompson..... |
| 144 | Evergreen | 176 | 8.80 | 6.00 | 14.80 | E. B. Bascom..... |
| 148 | Fairbank | 152 | 7.60 | 6.00 | 13.60 | O. A. Soper..... |
| 149 | Davton | 74 | 3.70 | 6.00 | 9.70 | E. C. Jones..... |
| 150 | Cresco | 190 | 9.50 | 6.00 | 15.50 | *C. A. Marshall..... |
| 151 | Afton | 227 | 11.35 | 6.00 | 17.35 | F. P. Bolinger..... |
| 152 | Inter Ocean..... | 191 | 9.55 | 6.00 | 15.55 | W. H. Funk..... |
| 153 | Nishnabotany ... | 322 | 16.10 | 4.00 | 20.10 | P. A. Hoop..... |
| 154 | Waukon | 179 | 8.95 | 6.00 | 14.95 | H. H. Stilwell..... |
| 156 | Taylor | 270 | 13.50 | 6.00 | 19.50 | K. E. Stephens..... |
| 158 | Wiscotta | 207 | 10.35 | 6.00 | 16.35 | C. E. Cave..... |
| 159 | Morning Star.... | 270 | 13.50 | 6.00 | 19.50 | John Stevenson.... |
| 162 | Red Oak..... | 286 | 14.30 | 6.00 | 20.30 | Roy T. Will..... |
| 163 | Bellefontaine ... | 135 | 6.75 | 6.00 | 12.75 | J. B. Lyman..... |
| 165 | Manchester | 121 | 6.05 | 6.00 | 12.05 | L. Matthews..... |
| 167 | Wilton | 25 | 1.25 | 6.00 | 7.25 | H. B. Strong..... |
| 169 | Resurgam | 51 | 2.55 | 6.00 | 8.55 | H. Schultz..... |
| 170 | Temple | 198 | 9.90 | 6.00 | 15.90 | S. H. Amos..... |
| 172 | National | 165 | 8.25 | 6.00 | 14.25 | John Everall |
| 173 | Burns | 69 | 3.45 | 6.00 | 9.45 | J. S. Houser..... |
| 174 | Corinthian | 105 | 5.25 | 6.00 | 11.25 | W. F. Berger..... |
| 175 | Hope | 154 | 7.70 | 6.00 | 13.70 | *Jas. Parks..... |
| 176 | Acacia | 251 | 12.55 | 6.00 | 18.55 | V. C. Crossley..... |
| 178 | Occidental | 329 | 16.45 | 6.00 | 22.45 | Edw. Drewry..... |
| 179 | Faith | 248 | 12.40 | 6.00 | 18.40 | C. L. V. Thompson.. |
| 181 | Great Lights.... | 197 | 9.85 | 4.00 | 13.85 | *H. J. Green..... |
| 182 | Webb | 95 | 4.75 | 6.00 | 10.75 | E. C. Palmeteet.... |
| 183 | Hiram Abiff | 196 | 9.80 | 6.00 | 15.80 | Howard Petty |
| 185 | Tyre | 160 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 14.00 | Chas. Morehead..... |
| 187 | Rising Sun..... | 77 | 3.85 | 6.00 | 9.85 | W. R. Reeve..... |
| 188 | Naphtali | 86 | 4.30 | 6.00 | 10.30 | O. K. Morrison..... |
| 189 | Emblem | 274 | 13.70 | 6.00 | 19.70 | O. E. Macy..... |
| 190 | Attentive Ear.... | 200 | 10.00 | 6.00 | 16.00 | Jas. S. Stone..... |
| 191 | Anchor | 205 | 10.25 | 6.00 | 16.25 | *R. T. Warner..... |
| 192 | Mason's Home... | 176 | 8.80 | 6.00 | 14.80 | Wm. Kane |
| 194 | Fairview | 158 | 7.90 | 6.00 | 13.90 | C. B. Wright..... |
| 195 | Eastern Star.... | 285 | 14.25 | 6.00 | 20.25 | C. E. Wilson..... |
| 197 | Charity | 249 | 12.45 | 6.00 | 18.45 | *A. B. Parkinson... |
| 198 | Kilwinning | 107 | 5.35 | 6.00 | 11.35 | Albert Whitmore... |
| 199 | Lincoln | 144 | 7.20 | 6.00 | 13.20 | J. F. Porter..... |
| 200 | Ant. Landmark.. | 57 | 2.85 | 6.00 | 8.85 | *Gilbert Blayney.... |
| 202 | York | 118 | 5.90 | 6.00 | 11.90 | E. S. Taylor..... |
| 203 | Hiram of Tyre.. | 134 | 6.70 | 6.00 | 12.70 | *D. E. Goodell..... |
| 204 | Brotherly Love.. | 177 | 8.85 | 6.00 | 14.85 | Talcott Bolman..... |
| 205 | Prudence | 301 | 15.05 | 6.00 | 21.05 | A. L. Peterson..... |
| 208 | Trinity | ... | ... | 6.00 | 6.00 | Wm. A. Watts..... |
| 210 | King Solomon... | 207 | 10.35 | 6.00 | 16.35 | E. A. Ely..... |
| 211 | Relief | 203 | 10.15 | 4.00 | 14.15 | B. N. Hendricks.... |
| 212 | Unity | 191 | 9.55 | 6.00 | 15.55 | E. A. Blanchard.... |
| 213 | Truth | 239 | 11.95 | 6.00 | 17.95 | J. E. Anderson..... |
| 214 | Howard | 221 | 11.05 | 6.00 | 17.05 | *Frank Burns |
| 215 | Concordia | 219 | 10.95 | 6.00 | 16.95 | J. L. Jeter..... |
| 216 | Trowel | 116 | 5.80 | 6.00 | 11.80 | *A. N. Kalb..... |

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| No. | Name of Lodge. | Miles. | Mileage. | Per Diem. | Total. | To Whom Paid. |
|-----|--------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|
| 217 | Quitman | 144 | 7.20 | 6.00 | 13.20 | James Stooksberry... |
| 218 | Preston | 170 | 8.50 | 6.00 | 14.50 | Chas. D. Johnson.... |
| 219 | Fountain | 188 | 9.40 | 6.00 | 15.40 | C. J. Doepke..... |
| 221 | Fraternal ..... | ... | .... | 6.00 | 6.00 | Herman Rohlf..... |
| 222 | Siloam | 128 | 6.40 | 6.00 | 12.40 | *C. B. Ganier..... |
| 223 | Vesper | 380 | 19.00 | 6.00 | 25.00 | E. A. Henderlider... |
| 225 | Tadmor | 97 | 4.85 | 6.00 | 10.85 | V. E. Dow..... |
| 226 | Progress | 75 | 3.75 | 6.00 | 9.75 | J. D. Bridges..... |
| 227 | Lebanon | 158 | 7.90 | 6.00 | 13.90 | *DeWitt Manning ... |
| 228 | Fidelity | 195 | 9.75 | 6.00 | 15.75 | Bert McCulloch.... |
| 229 | Gavel | 155 | 7.75 | 6.00 | 13.75 | A. A. Davis..... |
| 231 | Social | 106 | 5.30 | 6.00 | 11.30 | Geo. E. Jack..... |
| 232 | Valley | 367 | 18.35 | 6.00 | 24.35 | *W. A. Sudduth.... |
| 233 | Champion | 197 | 9.85 | 6.00 | 15.85 | S. E. Sterrett..... |
| 234 | Silver Urn..... | 343 | 17.15 | 6.00 | 23.15 | C. S. Royce..... |
| 235 | Good Faith..... | 86 | 4.30 | 6.00 | 10.30 | W. P. Dunnahoo.... |
| 236 | Toleration | 114 | 5.70 | 6.00 | 11.70 | Guy Roof |
| 237 | Arcturus | 184 | 9.20 | 6.00 | 15.20 | *M. J. Carter..... |
| 239 | Compass | 158 | 7.90 | 6.00 | 13.90 | E. E. Schrack..... |
| 240 | Zerubbabel | 297 | 14.85 | 6.00 | 20.85 | J. M. Stewart..... |
| 241 | Kedron | 198 | 9.90 | 6.00 | 15.90 | *P. L. Clemons..... |
| 245 | Triangular | 41 | 2.05 | 6.00 | 8.05 | F. A. Stump..... |
| 248 | Pleiades | 128 | 6.40 | 6.00 | 12.40 | *W. M. Rickert..... |
| 249 | Arcadia | 226 | 11.30 | 6.00 | 17.30 | J. B. Kooser..... |
| 250 | Verity | 247 | 12.35 | 6.00 | 18.35 | *C. E. Wright..... |
| 252 | Antiquity | 131 | 6.55 | 6.00 | 12.55 | C. M. McFatrige... |
| 253 | Jerusalem | 366 | 18.30 | 6.00 | 24.30 | S. T. Mitchell..... |
| 254 | Lily | 111 | 5.55 | 6.00 | 11.55 | F. S. Bernard..... |
| 255 | Emulation | 38 | 1.90 | 6.00 | 7.90 | W. W. Cook..... |
| 256 | Fortitude | 194 | 9.70 | 4.00 | 13.70 | *Jas. L. Platt, Jr... |
| 258 | Jordan | 246 | 12.30 | 6.00 | 18.30 | Chas. North |
| 259 | Excelsior | 317 | 15.85 | 6.00 | 21.85 | W. S. Baird..... |
| 260 | Industry | 110 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 11.50 | *W. N. Wright..... |
| 261 | Escallop | 153 | 7.65 | 6.00 | 13.65 | *C. B. Wahl..... |
| 262 | Equality | 177 | 8.85 | 4.00 | 12.85 | *J. V. Bass..... |
| 263 | Mt. Hermon | 79 | 3.95 | 6.00 | 9.95 | T. Will Runkle..... |
| 264 | Signet | 296 | 14.80 | 6.00 | 20.80 | J. L. Miner..... |
| 266 | Northern Light... | 217 | 10.85 | 6.00 | 16.85 | *Geo. E. Whitcomb.. |
| 268 | Damascus | 153 | 7.65 | 6.00 | 13.65 | F. H. Figert..... |
| 269 | Empire | 107 | 5.35 | 6.00 | 11.35 | W. I. Miller..... |
| 270 | Montgomery | 270 | 13.50 | 6.00 | 19.50 | Geo. B. Sexton..... |
| 271 | Pymosa | 257 | 12.85 | 6.00 | 18.85 | D. S. Eldridge..... |
| 273 | Hermon | 120 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 12.00 | *H. R. Dean..... |
| 274 | Arcana | 218 | 10.90 | 6.00 | 16.90 | A. B. Harris..... |
| 275 | Instruction | 256 | 12.80 | 6.00 | 18.80 | O. R. Cain..... |
| 276 | Terrrestrial | 203 | 10.15 | 6.00 | 16.15 | *J. A. Shepard..... |
| 277 | Perfect Union.... | 101 | 5.05 | 6.00 | 11.05 | Robert Orr |
| 280 | Meridian | 131 | 6.55 | 6.00 | 12.55 | *R. C. Burton..... |
| 281 | Right Hand | 24 | 1.20 | 6.00 | 7.20 | L. S. Harrington.... |
| 283 | Purity | 227 | 11.35 | 6.00 | 17.35 | *C. E. Ettinger..... |
| 284 | Level | 99 | 4.95 | 6.00 | 10.95 | *H. M. Taylor..... |
| 285 | Plumb | 290 | 14.50 | 6.00 | 20.50 | E. H. Scrivner..... |
| 286 | Square | 93 | 4.65 | 6.00 | 10.65 | C. B. Rogers..... |
| 287 | Sharon | 97 | 4.85 | 6.00 | 10.85 | H. C. Phelps..... |
| 289 | Amicable | 340 | 17.00 | 6.00 | 23.00 | Geo. M. Clarke..... |
| 292 | Columbia | 211 | 10.55 | 6.00 | 16.55 | Harry E. Ransom... |
| 294 | Rock | 194 | 9.70 | 6.00 | 15.70 | F. E. Grove..... |
| 297 | Mt. Nebo | 276 | 13.80 | 6.00 | 19.80 | J. W. Sievers..... |
| 299 | Otley | 218 | 10.90 | 6.00 | 16.90 | *Newton E. Hart... |
| 300 | Tri-Centum | 315 | 15.75 | 6.00 | 21.75 | L. N. Wilson..... |
| 303 | Rhodes | 252 | 12.60 | 6.00 | 18.60 | *W. C. Bradshaw.... |
| 304 | Token | 215 | 10.75 | 6.00 | 16.75 | *Richard J. McKee.. |
| 307 | Speculative | 308 | 15.40 | 6.00 | 21.40 | Forrest G. Webber.. |
| 309 | Jewel | 285 | 14.25 | 6.00 | 20.25 | A. L. Bryan..... |
| 311 | Monumental | 155 | 7.75 | 6.00 | 13.75 | *Alfred Lust..... |
| 312 | Evening Shade .. | 315 | 15.75 | 6.00 | 21.75 | I. F. Constant..... |
| 313 | Crystal | 158 | 7.90 | 6.00 | 13.90 | *C. E. Starks..... |
| 315 | Model | 204 | 10.20 | 6.00 | 16.20 | S. S. Switzer..... |
| 316 | Cope-Stone | 165 | 8.25 | 6.00 | 14.25 | E. C. Walker..... |
| 317 | Sincerity | 150 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 13.50 | J. W. Miller..... |
| 318 | Malta | 90 | 4.50 | 6.00 | 10.50 | *A. M. Duffy..... |

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| 319 | Bethel | 224 | 11.20 | 6.00 | 17.20 | *Casper H. Moe..... |
| 321 | Parian | 290 | 14.50 | 6.00 | 20.50 | J. H. Frederickson.. |
| 322 | Giblem | 342 | 17.10 | 6.00 | 23.10 | E. A. Musbach..... |
| 323 | Sirius | 185 | 9.25 | 6.00 | 15.25 | *J. E. Bruce..... |
| 324 | Astral | 50 | 2.50 | 6.00 | 8.50 | Albert Durant..... |
| 325 | Cyrene | 205 | 10.25 | 6.00 | 16.25 | G. J. Mack..... |
| 326 | Alpha | 171 | 8.55 | 6.00 | 14.55 | Geo. W. Wilson..... |
| 329 | Twilight | 302 | 15.10 | 6.00 | 21.10 | F. P. Hopkins..... |
| 330 | Monitor | 37 | 1.85 | 6.00 | 7.85 | *E. S. McCord..... |
| 331 | Broken Column.. | 336 | 16.80 | 6.00 | 22.80 | *Alfred Morton..... |
| 332 | Enterprise | 336 | 16.80 | 6.00 | 22.80 | E. W. Clark..... |
| 333 | Mt. Horeb | 158 | 7.90 | 6.00 | 13.90 | G. F. Whitcomb.... |
| 334 | Emerald | 148 | 7.40 | 2.00 | 9.40 | *Chas. T. Rogers.... |
| 335 | Ark | 288 | 14.40 | 6.00 | 20.40 | *R. G. Smith..... |
| 336 | Mahaska | 140 | 7.00 | 6.00 | 13.00 | W. M. Champion.... |
| 338 | Cyrus | 132 | 6.60 | 6.00 | 12.60 | C. F. Pohle..... |
| 340 | Hesperia | 126 | 6.30 | 6.00 | 12.30 | *N. R. Morison.... |
| 341 | Mersail | 350 | 17.50 | 6.00 | 23.50 | Wallace Beckwith.. |
| 342 | Exodus | 273 | 13.65 | 6.00 | 19.65 | John Schlater..... |
| 343 | Tremont | 252 | 12.60 | 6.00 | 18.60 | E. N. Beadel..... |
| 347 | Abiff | 360 | 18.00 | 6.00 | 24.00 | H. E. Cooper..... |
| 348 | Right Angle | 262 | 13.10 | 6.00 | 19.10 | Samuel McCrae..... |
| 349 | Setting Sun | 309 | 15.45 | 6.00 | 21.45 | E. B. Spottswood.. |
| 350 | Prospect | 116 | 5.80 | 6.00 | 11.80 | J. R. Wallace..... |
| 351 | Standard | 150 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 13.50 | Chas. Cochran |
| 353 | Adelphi | 81 | 4.05 | 6.00 | 10.05 | *J. C. Richardson... |
| 354 | Canby | 240 | 12.00 | 6.00 | 18.00 | J. S. Pickering..... |
| 355 | Myrtle | 170 | 8.50 | 6.00 | 14.50 | J. L. Brooks..... |
| 356 | Delta | 196 | 9.80 | 6.00 | 15.80 | Geo. L. Cadwell.... |
| 357 | Junction | 263 | 13.15 | 6.00 | 19.15 | Thos. O. Maxwell... |
| 358 | Eleusis | 170 | 8.50 | 6.00 | 14.50 | Chas. H. Milligan... |
| 360 | Mountain | 300 | 15.00 | 6.00 | 21.00 | *N. G. Miller..... |
| 362 | Altar | 115 | 5.75 | 6.00 | 11.75 | *E. L. Ketterman.... |
| 365 | Orient | 60 | 3.00 | 6.00 | 9.00 | T. J. Easter..... |
| 366 | Radiant | 184 | 9.20 | 4.00 | 13.20 | *H. E. Button..... |
| 368 | Marble | 186 | 9.30 | 6.00 | 15.30 | F. C. Hull..... |
| 370 | Home | 175 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 14.75 | *Will A. Luge..... |
| 371 | Silentia | 285 | 14.25 | 6.00 | 20.25 | *F. H. Alexander... |
| 372 | Advance | 182 | 9.15 | 6.00 | 15.15 | T. H. Walker..... |
| 373 | Centennial | 290 | 14.50 | 6.00 | 20.50 | J. F. Miller..... |
| 374 | Hebron | 132 | 6.60 | 6.00 | 12.60 | Wm. Walker |
| 375 | Remembrance | 220 | 11.00 | 6.00 | 17.00 | J. M. Howell..... |
| 376 | Mistletoe | 352 | 17.60 | 6.00 | 23.60 | H. E. Palmer..... |
| 377 | Kane | 337 | 16.85 | 6.00 | 22.85 | W. H. Cross..... |
| 378 | Humanity | 298 | 14.90 | 6.00 | 20.90 | *W. R. Crawford.... |
| 379 | Friendship | 312 | 15.60 | 6.00 | 21.60 | Wallace Morgan |
| 380 | Obedience | 243 | 12.15 | 6.00 | 18.15 | Chas. Scholl..... |
| 381 | Wapsinonoc | 47 | 2.35 | 6.00 | 8.35 | *B. A. Gill..... |
| 384 | Morning Light .. | 250 | 12.50 | 4.00 | 16.50 | *Chas. E. Bale..... |
| 386 | Crusade | 260 | 13.00 | 6.00 | 19.00 | *R. B. Oldham..... |
| 387 | Due Guard | 353 | 17.65 | 6.00 | 23.65 | O. O. Spotts..... |
| 389 | Riverside | 152 | 7.60 | 6.00 | 13.60 | D. Myron Tripp.... |
| 390 | Lake | 316 | 15.80 | 6.00 | 21.80 | J. C. Okerstrom.... |
| 391 | Stellapolis | 100 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 9.00 | *A. A. Hall..... |
| 392 | Veritas | 283 | 14.15 | 6.00 | 20.15 | *Will R. Smith..... |
| 395 | Lookout | 168 | 8.40 | 6.00 | 14.40 | *Jas. Noon |
| 396 | Surprise | 212 | 10.60 | 6.00 | 16.60 | O. E. Garrett..... |
| 398 | Wheeler | 325 | 16.25 | 6.00 | 22.25 | B. Brynteson |
| 399 | Earnest | 263 | 13.15 | 6.00 | 19.15 | J. O. Morris..... |
| 401 | Charter Oak | 351 | 17.55 | 6.00 | 23.55 | L. T. Hall..... |
| 404 | Quarry | 359 | 17.95 | 6.00 | 23.95 | *C. C. Jacobson..... |
| 405 | Emmanuel | 383 | 19.15 | 6.00 | 25.15 | *Albert Nordholm .. |
| 406 | Border | 363 | 18.15 | 6.00 | 24.15 | C. C. Brugman..... |
| 407 | King David | 164 | 8.20 | 4.00 | 12.20 | *Geo. W. Heller.... |
| 408 | Pomegranate | 291 | 14.55 | 6.00 | 20.55 | *W. J. Sievers..... |
| 409 | Milan | 197 | 9.85 | 6.00 | 15.85 | *J. D. Smith..... |
| 410 | Vernon | 171 | 8.55 | 6.00 | 14.55 | P. S. Green..... |
| 411 | Temperance | 202 | 10.10 | 6.00 | 16.10 | O. J. Basart..... |
| 412 | Cass | 272 | 13.60 | 6.00 | 19.60 | Geo. M. Forsyth.... |
| 413 | Celestial | 122 | 6.10 | 6.00 | 12.10 | L. A. Cox..... |
| 414 | Good Shepherd.. | 185 | 9.25 | 6.00 | 15.25 | *W. E. Rowe..... |

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|-----|-------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|----------------------|
| 415 | Ruby | 300 | 15.00 | 6.00 | 21.00 | *Jas. M. Coons..... |
| 417 | Opal | 174 | 8.70 | 6.00 | 14.70 | E. J. Davis..... |
| 419 | Onyx | 340 | 17.00 | 6.00 | 23.00 | D. Barker..... |
| 420 | Chrysolite | 356 | 17.80 | 6.00 | 23.80 | *E. E. Beck..... |
| 421 | Beryl | 100 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 11.00 | *Chas. E. Buckley.. |
| 422 | Diamond | 315 | 15.75 | 6.00 | 21.75 | J. H. Kral..... |
| 423 | Agate | 296 | 14.80 | 6.00 | 20.80 | Albert Smith |
| 424 | Jasper | 232 | 11.60 | 6.00 | 17.60 | W. F. Johnson..... |
| 425 | Carnelian | 192 | 9.60 | 6.00 | 15.60 | F. A. Thayer..... |
| 426 | Pearl | 215 | 10.75 | 6.00 | 16.75 | *Geo. Stoll |
| 427 | Sapphire | 365 | 18.25 | 6.00 | 24.25 | C. L. Beach..... |
| 429 | Gem | 234 | 11.70 | 6.00 | 17.70 | J. E. Anderson..... |
| 430 | Coral | 294 | 14.70 | 6.00 | 20.70 | *Geo. Stephens |
| 431 | Darius | 306 | 15.30 | 6.00 | 21.30 | H. E. Hutchinson... |
| 432 | Symbol | 267 | 13.35 | 6.00 | 19.35 | J. A. Moore..... |
| 434 | Freedom | 417 | 20.85 | 6.00 | 26.85 | A. N. Williams..... |
| 437 | Banner | 225 | 11.25 | 6.00 | 17.25 | *J. W. Robinson.... |
| 438 | Topaz | 238 | 11.90 | 6.00 | 17.90 | R. Emerson |
| 439 | Crown | 312 | 15.60 | 6.00 | 21.60 | H. J. Failing..... |
| 440 | Stella | 110 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 11.50 | G. W. Amick..... |
| 443 | Jacinth | 210 | 10.50 | 6.00 | 16.50 | G. F. Wolever..... |
| 445 | Stainless | 44 | 2.20 | 6.00 | 8.20 | B. L. Metcalf..... |
| 446 | Perseverance | 344 | 17.20 | 6.00 | 23.20 | *D. T. Fowling..... |
| 447 | North Star | 286 | 14.30 | 6.00 | 20.30 | *W. P. Galloway.... |
| 449 | Beulah | 235 | 11.75 | 4.00 | 15.75 | *Geo. B. Lynch..... |
| 450 | Manual | 270 | 13.50 | 6.00 | 19.50 | *F. W. Kemp..... |
| 451 | Benevolent | 242 | 12.10 | 6.00 | 18.10 | *F. E. Munger..... |
| 452 | Tabernacle | 186 | 9.30 | 6.00 | 15.30 | Frank Thompson ... |
| 453 | Covenant | 280 | 14.00 | 6.00 | 20.00 | *C. W. McCohn..... |
| 454 | Peaceful | 208 | 10.40 | 6.00 | 16.40 | W. P. Dickerson.... |
| 455 | Herald | 179 | 8.95 | 6.00 | 14.95 | J. N. Shoop..... |
| 456 | Dale | 413 | 20.65 | 6.00 | 26.65 | Thomas J. Reeves... |
| 457 | Acme | 346 | 17.30 | 6.00 | 23.30 | *C. W. Brimhall.... |
| 458 | Noble | 255 | 12.75 | 6.00 | 18.75 | G. F. Baily..... |
| 461 | Apollo | 153 | 7.65 | 6.00 | 13.65 | F. J. Wells..... |
| 462 | St. Elmo | 338 | 16.90 | 6.00 | 22.90 | E. C. Fuller..... |
| 464 | Bower | 268 | 13.40 | 6.00 | 19.40 | *E. A. Billings..... |
| 465 | Elmo | 218 | 10.90 | 6.00 | 16.90 | S. C. Hull..... |
| 466 | Eden | 167 | 8.35 | 6.00 | 14.35 | *Albert Heintz..... |
| 467 | Pilot | 304 | 15.20 | 6.00 | 21.20 | W. S. Butler..... |
| 468 | Republic | 239 | 11.95 | 6.00 | 17.95 | O. U. Johnson..... |
| 469 | Pacific | 168 | 8.40 | 6.00 | 14.40 | *H. W. Lightfoot... |
| 470 | Cosmos | 387 | 19.35 | 6.00 | 25.35 | James J. Davis..... |
| 471 | Alpine | 361 | 18.05 | 6.00 | 24.05 | W. F. Hutton..... |
| 472 | Beaver | 147 | 7.35 | 6.00 | 13.35 | *H. J. Wood..... |
| 474 | Burning Bush ... | 374 | 18.70 | 6.00 | 24.70 | A. J. Weeks..... |
| 475 | Solar | 258 | 12.90 | 6.00 | 18.90 | G. B. Peterson..... |
| 477 | Sioux | 403 | 20.15 | 6.00 | 26.15 | *F. S. Wing..... |
| 478 | Twin Lakes | 274 | 13.70 | 6.00 | 19.70 | J. C. Frick..... |
| 480 | New Hope | 113 | 5.65 | 4.00 | 9.65 | *C. E. Abbott..... |
| 482 | Gloaming | 310 | 15.50 | 6.00 | 21.50 | R. F. Price..... |
| 483 | Ivy | 211 | 10.55 | 6.00 | 16.55 | C. F. Scott..... |
| 485 | Garfield | 110 | 5.50 | 6.00 | 11.50 | *W. W. Young..... |
| 487 | Highland | 275 | 13.75 | 6.00 | 19.75 | G. Baldwin |
| 488 | Arion | 254 | 12.70 | 6.00 | 18.70 | R. J. Dawson..... |
| 490 | Craftsman | 310 | 15.50 | 6.00 | 21.50 | A. H. Miller..... |
| 491 | Black Oak | 130 | 6.50 | 6.00 | 12.50 | Wm. Patterson |
| 493 | Summit | 298 | 14.90 | 6.00 | 20.90 | C. B. Halbert..... |
| 495 | Beacon | 340 | 17.00 | 6.00 | 23.00 | *J. J. Rae..... |
| 496 | Rising Star | 340 | 17.00 | 6.00 | 23.00 | J. S. Nye..... |
| 498 | Vulcan | 180 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 15.00 | G. W. Appleby..... |
| 499 | Fulton | 370 | 18.50 | 6.00 | 24.50 | David Algyer |
| 500 | Rob Morris | 104 | 5.20 | 6.00 | 11.20 | P. M. Wilson..... |
| 501 | Mt. Hope | 82 | 4.10 | 6.00 | 10.10 | G. Miller |
| 503 | Progressive | 315 | 15.75 | 6.00 | 21.75 | E. Megorden |
| 504 | Prosperity | 203 | 10.15 | 6.00 | 16.15 | Matthew Steel |
| 505 | Astor | 140 | 7.00 | 4.00 | 11.00 | *F. M. Weeber..... |
| 506 | Rose | 274 | 13.70 | 6.00 | 19.70 | A. N. Smith..... |
| 507 | Sylvan | 324 | 16.20 | 6.00 | 22.20 | Chas. Bollen |
| 508 | Tyrian | 417 | 20.85 | 6.00 | 26.85 | Ray D. Kellogg..... |
| 509 | Adelphic | 175 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 14.75 | *F. H. Noble..... |

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| 510 | Sunnyside | 139 | 6.95 | 6.00 | 12.95 | W. H. Seely..... |
| 511 | Waterfall | 128 | 6.40 | 6.00 | 12.40 | E. H. Latham..... |
| 512 | Golden Rod | 112 | 5.60 | 6.00 | 11.60 | W. N. Morgan..... |
| 514 | Templar | 248 | 12.40 | 6.00 | 18.40 | S. P. Crisman..... |
| 515 | Comfort | 276 | 13.80 | 4.00 | 17.80 | *Wray Wilson |
| 516 | Victoria | 60 | 3.00 | 6.00 | 9.00 | D. S. Hardy..... |
| 518 | Silver Leaf | 164 | 8.20 | 6.00 | 14.20 | C. J. Harrington.... |
| 519 | Grace | 320 | 16.00 | 6.00 | 22.00 | U. S. Vance..... |
| 520 | Unit | 210 | 10.50 | 6.00 | 16.50 | John Allan |
| 521 | Little Sioux | 380 | 19.00 | 6.00 | 25.00 | *H. F. Hoffman..... |
| 522 | Crest City | 235 | 11.75 | 6.00 | 17.75 | Fred W. Ide..... |
| 523 | Mecca | 106 | 5.30 | 6.00 | 11.30 | *L. G. Hall..... |
| 524 | Firm | 160 | 8.00 | 4.00 | 12.00 | *W. C. Vernon..... |
| 525 | Silver Cord | 325 | 16.25 | 6.00 | 22.25 | S. I. Bradrick..... |
| 526 | Perfect Square .. | 150 | 7.50 | 6.00 | 13.50 | Thos. Oakley |
| 527 | Silver Lake | 314 | 15.70 | 6.00 | 21.70 | H. M. Andreson..... |
| 528 | Maple Leaf | 181 | 9.05 | 4.00 | 13.05 | *J. W. Klemme..... |
| 529 | Active | 215 | 10.75 | 6.00 | 16.75 | T. A. Thornberg..... |
| 530 | Tennyson | 108 | 5.40 | 6.00 | 11.40 | F. M. Likens..... |
| 531 | Oak | 263 | 13.15 | 6.00 | 19.15 | O. M. Olson..... |
| 532 | Trial | 395 | 19.75 | 6.00 | 25.75 | *R. J. Anderson..... |
| 533 | Emmet | 286 | 14.30 | 6.00 | 20.30 | J. B. Knipe..... |
| 535 | Abner | 52 | 2.60 | 6.00 | 8.60 | H. L. Zimmerman... |
| 536 | Welcome | 350 | 17.50 | 6.00 | 23.50 | *Frank Steckmest .. |
| 537 | Floyd | 387 | 19.35 | 6.00 | 25.35 | M. D. Gibbs..... |
| 538 | Viona | 280 | 14.00 | 6.00 | 20.00 | R. R. Smith..... |
| 539 | Cypress | 250 | 12.50 | 4.00 | 16.50 | *F. C. Armstrong... |
| 540 | Kossuth | 311 | 15.55 | 6.00 | 21.55 | F. J. Mann..... |
| 541 | Belmont | 123 | 6.15 | 6.00 | 12.15 | F. B. Whitaker..... |
| 542 | Windsor | 140 | 7.00 | 6.00 | 13.00 | John Shales |
| 543 | Live Oak | 306 | 15.30 | 6.00 | 21.30 | F. W. Pitham..... |
| 545 | Federal | 96 | 4.80 | 6.00 | 10.80 | C. W. Tomkinson... |
| 546 | Byron | 127 | 6.35 | 4.00 | 10.35 | G. B. Thompson..... |
| 548 | Trojan | 82 | 4.10 | 6.00 | 10.10 | L. C. Dow..... |
| 549 | Fellowship | 70 | 3.50 | 6.00 | 9.50 | *I. J. Marner..... |
| 550 | Cerulean | 380 | 19.00 | 6.00 | 25.00 | Bert Hart..... |
| 551 | Julien | 95 | 4.75 | 6.00 | 10.75 | N. W. Hany..... |
| 552 | Larch | 377 | 18.85 | 6.00 | 24.85 | B. Twamley |
| 553 | Paradise | 249 | 12.45 | 6.00 | 18.45 | Lewis Larsen |
| 555 | Circle | 249 | 12.45 | 6.00 | 18.45 | E. M. Snively..... |
| 556 | Harbor | 50 | 2.50 | 6.00 | 8.50 | E. T. Housh..... |
| 557 | Granite | 230 | 11.50 | 6.00 | 17.50 | Jesse Brogan |
| 558 | Fern | 221 | 11.05 | 6.00 | 17.05 | Cap. M. Boling..... |
| 559 | Morro | 270 | 13.50 | 4.00 | 17.50 | J. G. Thompson..... |
| 560 | Columbian | 324 | 16.20 | 6.00 | 22.20 | D. D. Treleven..... |
| 561 | Full Moon | 162 | 8.10 | 6.00 | 14.10 | *W. H. Bollinbacher |
| 562 | Weston | 388 | 19.40 | 6.00 | 25.40 | Chas. Morton |
| 563 | Meteor | 235 | 11.75 | 4.00 | 15.75 | *A. M. Lakin..... |
| 564 | Roman | 198 | 9.90 | 6.00 | 15.90 | *E. A. Trumball..... |
| 565 | Mishna | 281 | 14.05 | 6.00 | 20.05 | *S. L. McIntyre..... |
| 566 | Maple | 281 | 14.05 | 6.00 | 20.05 | W. N. Steele..... |
| 567 | Cement | 213 | 10.65 | 6.00 | 16.65 | Robinson Reid |
| 568 | Madison | 205 | 10.25 | 6.00 | 16.25 | J. R. Thomson..... |
| 569 | Amber | 317 | 15.85 | 6.00 | 21.85 | F. W. Perry..... |
| 570 | Nain | 258 | 12.90 | 6.00 | 18.90 | T. A. Wilson..... |
| 571 | Fayette | 230 | 11.50 | 6.00 | 17.50 | Geo. R. Grenawalt.. |
| 572 | Palm | 248 | 12.40 | 6.00 | 18.40 | R. A. Addy..... |
| 573 | Hazel | 210 | 10.50 | 6.00 | 16.50 | W. E. Holdcroft.... |
| 574 | Benj. Franklin... | 102 | 5.10 | 6.00 | 11.10 | J. G. Bovey..... |
| 575 | Center | 103 | 5.15 | 6.00 | 11.15 | E. L. Root..... |
| 576 | Kohinoor | 227 | 11.35 | 6.00 | 17.35 | R. N. Ballard..... |
| 577 | Gnemeth | 180 | 9.00 | 6.00 | 15.00 | Homer Thompson .. |
| 579 | Mural | 276 | 13.80 | 6.00 | 19.80 | H. J. Whitcomb.... |
| 580 | Bethshan | 256 | 12.80 | 6.00 | 18.80 | *Edward Timmons.. |
| 581 | Zenith | 160 | 8.00 | 6.00 | 14.00 | *T. J. Benesh..... |
| 582 | Volunteer | 315 | 15.75 | 6.00 | 21.75 | U. G. Mauk..... |
| 583 | Mysteria | 290 | 14.50 | 6.00 | 20.50 | A. McEwen |
| 584 | Integrity | 146 | 7.30 | 6.00 | 13.30 | B. E. Evans..... |
| 585 | Ensign | 228 | 11.40 | 6.00 | 17.40 | T. M. Aylsworth.... |
| 586 | Elk | 375 | 18.75 | 6.00 | 24.75 | F. Stevens |
| 587 | Universal | 327 | 16.35 | 6.00 | 22.35 | *L. E. Bladine..... |

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| 588 | Walnut | 142 | 7.10 | 6.00 | 13.10 | Geo. S. Minor..... |
| 592 | Auburn | 175 | 8.75 | 6.00 | 14.75 | S. R. Healton..... |
| 594 | Solomon | 153 | 7.65 | 6.00 | 13.65 | J. L. Gilbert..... |
| 595 | Golden Leaf | 280 | 14.00 | 6.00 | 20.00 | F. A. Jackson..... |
| 596 | Waveland | 119 | 5.95 | 4.00 | 9.95 | S. C. Snow..... |
| 597 | Nekoda | 287 | 14.35 | 6.00 | 20.35 | D. J. Townsend.... |
| 599 | Rock River | 378 | 18.90 | 6.00 | 24.90 | Chas. Creglow |
| 600 | Imperial | 277 | 13.85 | 4.00 | 17.85 | *R. R. Stockman.... |
| 601 | Acorn | 254 | 12.70 | 6.00 | 18.70 | Nels Sandell |
| 602 | Alhambra | 163 | 8.15 | 6.00 | 14.15 | *Frank F. Pool..... |
| 603 | Cyprian | 52 | 2.60 | 6.00 | 8.60 | *Wm. D. McFaul.... |
| | | | \$4459.20 | \$2642.00 | \$7101.20 | |

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REPORT GRAND SECRETARY—CONTRIBUTION SENT TO ITALY.

The Grand Secretary presented the following. On motion,
same was—

Referred to incoming Grand Master.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Grand Secretary submits herewith report of funds collected
by Iowa lodges to Pacific Coast sufferers since report to Grand Lodge.

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| Amount on hand last report..... | \$ 311.07 |
| Amount received since said report..... | 42.10 |
| Amount received as refund from Grand Lodge of California.. | 915.00 |
| Amount received as interest on funds deposited in Savings Bank, by order of Grand Master..... | 20.00 |
| Total | \$1,288.17 |

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| By amount remitted by order of Grand Master Martin to Ettorre Ferrarri, Grand Master of Italy, for relief of Masons of Calabrai and Sicily, sufferers from earth- quake disaster | \$ 500.00 |
| Balance on hand, subject to order of Grand Master..... | \$ 788.17 |

The communications received from Italy, with receipt for money
sent, together with letter expressive of the thanks of the Masons of
Italy to the brethren of Iowa, are on file.

Fraternally submitted,

NEWTON R. PARVIN,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE (Second).

Brother C. T. Granger (154), Past Grand Master, presented the following, which, on motion, was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



THE Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submits the following as its report on matters referred to it on the recommendation of the Committee on Grand Master's Address:

We think the language of the Grand Master as to the visitation of weak lodges highly appropriate, and we hope that the Grand Masters who follow him may find the time to thus extend aid and encouragement to such lodges.

As to his recommendation that the law be so changed that \$25.00 be the minimum fee for the degrees and \$2.00 the minimum for subordinate lodge dues, we think the present law, which permits each lodge to so adjust the amount of fees and dues as to meet all the requirements for their proper care and growth is all that should be expected in the way of legislation. While the proposed law will operate to compel weak lodges to do what they ought to do, and may do under the present law, it would compel other lodges to raise more funds than they need. No lodge can properly complain of a law if it will not take advantage of what it allows, but does not compel.

The present law permits a lodge by unanimous consent to admit to membership ministers of the gospel in actual service gratuitously, and the Grand Master thinks there is no reason for such a distinction, when all others who are admitted to membership must pay. We know of no good reason against a lodge being permitted, when all its members concur in the desire, to extend such a favor to a class of persons whose labors are devoted so exclusively to the upbuilding and strengthening of moral and spiritual conditions so in harmony with the purposes of Masonry, and so in harmony with our labors for the betterment of mankind.

As to the compensation received by the Grand Treasurer in this jurisdiction from the interest on deposited funds, the facts coming to our knowledge are too meager to enable us to act advisedly in making recommendations as to how the funds should be kept. If he is to be paid a salary and invest the funds for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, some safeguards should be thrown around such investments, both for the safety of the Grand Lodge and the Treasurer. We do not differ from the Grand Master as to what is desirable and would be right, but the time at our disposition does not enable us to learn the important facts, and mature some safe plan to recommend, and nothing definite is recommended to us.

In so grave and important a matter we do not think we should present a plan, not based upon a thorough investigation that will protect all interests, and hence we think it advisable to leave the present law till our attention is called to some definite way of solving the matter.

With a view to an early conclusion of so important a matter, this committee recommends that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to consider the matter and report its conclusions at the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

The decisions made by the Grand Master have been considered, and we present our conclusions as to their correctness.

One question is: Can a lodge, by a by-law, exempt a member who has paid dues for twenty or twenty-five years, from payment of local lodge dues?

The Grand Master said: "No. He can only be excused from paying on account of actual inability to pay." Such is clearly the law. To definitely settle this long annoying question this Grand Jurisdiction placed in its constitution the express provision that each subordinate lodge "shall collect annual dues from its membership * * * exempting none except for inability to pay."

In balloting for a brother who has re-petitioned under the provisions of Section 159 how must the ballot be taken?

The Grand Master said: "By secret ballot," and such is our opinion of the law. To definitely settle the question we present a substitute for the section, definitely settling the question, and ask its adoption.

A decision as to Section 250, relative to dancing and card playing in lodge rooms, is rendered unimportant in view of our presentation of a substitute for the section, which, if adopted, will avoid any such a question in the future.

Can a demitted Mason affiliate with a lodge outside of the one within whose jurisdiction he resides?

The answer is: "No, not without a waiver of jurisdiction."

The ruling in a general sense is right. To avoid a misapprehension it may be well for us to say that division (E) of Section 162 of the Code makes an exception in cases where a non-affiliate has petitioned the lodge of his local jurisdiction for affiliation and been rejected, in which case he may after six months from the date of such rejection, if in good standing, and no charges are pending against him, petition any lodge of an adjoining jurisdiction for affiliation.

Can a Mason who is employed as private secretary to the president of a brewery affiliate with an Iowa lodge?

The answer is: "Yes. He is now a Mason and eligible to visit a lodge, and is therefore eligible to petition for membership."

In the conclusion we concur. The question probably arises under our law prohibiting a person engaged in the traffic of intoxicating liquors, except pharmacists, from petitioning a lodge for the degrees,

and the distinction must be kept in mind that the prohibition is as to profanes seeking the degrees, and this question is as to a Mason, and in such a case he is entitled to all Masonic privileges till by charges and conviction he is not a Mason in good standing.

Can a lodge ballot on the petition of a profane who removes permanently from the jurisdiction before he has been balloted upon? To this the Grand Master said: "No. His removal makes him ineligible."

This question was before us at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and we then held in accordance with the answer of the Grand Master in this case, and such is our conclusion now.

Fraternally submitted by order of committee,

C. T. GRANGER, *Chairman*.

FURTHER REPORT.

Brother C. T. Granger (154) then presented a further report having reference to amendments. Same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has had under consideration the proposed amendments to the Code as substitutes for Sections 159 and 250, and recommend the adoption thereof.

Fraternally submitted by order of the committee,

C. T. GRANGER, *Chairman*.

The Grand Master then announced that the amendments to the Code, Sections 159 and 250, had been legally adopted by a more than two-thirds vote and were, therefore, part of the law of this Grand Lodge and here entered of record.

SEC. 159. APPLICATIONS FOR.—No formal application is necessary for advancement by an Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft in the lodge in which he was initiated or passed. He may seek examination at any meeting of the lodge *within six months after his initiation, or passing, as the case may be*, and if adjudged proficient, the pleasure of the lodge and the candidate may be considered for his advancement. An unsuccessful examination shall not be a bar to others, but may be repeated at any subsequent meeting of the lodge *within said six months*. Should the applicant fail to present himself for passing, or raising, as the case may be, at intervals not exceeding six months, he must in either case re-petition the lodge for advancement, which petition must be presented at a stated meeting and must not be acted upon before the next stated meeting thereafter. On such petition there need be no recommendation nor committee of investigation appointed. No such petition can

be entertained unless fees are or have been paid in full, and a two-thirds vote by ballot shall elect for advancement.

SEC. 250. DANCING AND CARD PLAYING.—Dancing and card playing can not be allowed in any lodge room, ante-room, or preparation room occupied and used exclusively by a subordinate lodge or lodges, except by unanimous consent, and can not be allowed or continued against the objection of a member of the lodge or either lodge made to the Master.

This law shall apply to banquet rooms, reception rooms, parlors, and other rooms, exclusively occupied by a lodge or lodges, only when by a majority vote of the lodge or lodges such use is prohibited.

APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE ON JEWELS.

Grand Master Martin named as Committee on Jewels for Past Grand Masters, Brothers C. Huttenlocher (110), Almor Stern (420), and N. R. Parvin (4).

REPORT ON CHARTERED LODGES (Fourth).

Brother M. J. Gabriel (93) presented the final report of the committee having reference to remission of Grand Lodge dues. On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges submits the following:

In the case of Brother John Klimo, of Baldwin, Iowa. Dual membership record in Keystone Lodge, No. 206, of Wyoming, and Harbor Lodge, No. 556, of Lost Nation, arising from an invasion of territory in 1905.

This committee has, by order of the Grand Master, investigated this case, secured agreed statements from all concerned, and submits the following finding, which has been approved by the Grand Master and transmitted to the lodges and Brother Klimo:

First. We find that Keystone Lodge, No. 206, did invade the jurisdiction of territory of Harbor Lodge, No. 556, in receiving the petition of John Klimo, of Baldwin, for the degrees.

Second. That Harbor Lodge, No. 556, by transcript of its record, shows that it has apparently conformed to the Code in notifying Keystone Lodge, No. 206, of this invasion, and in electing Brother Klimo to membership in their lodge.

Third. That John Klimo has been a member of Harbor Lodge, No. 556, since June 15, 1905, the date of his election to membership in said lodge, and should pay dues to the above lodge for this term of years in order to be held a member in good standing, and that any and all dues collected from Brother John Klimo since that date by Keystone Lodge, No. 206, should be refunded to Brother Klimo.

Fourth. That Keystone Lodge, No. 206, is entitled to the remission of \$1.00 Grand Lodge fees, and \$3.00 Grand Lodge Dues for the years 1905-1908, on account of the above brother, and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to credit this amount on their Grand Lodge dues for 1910.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK S. MOSES,

MILO J. GABRIEL,

R. H. MALONY,

Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE (Third).

Brother Geo. L. Schoonover (46) presented the following.
On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:



OUR Committee on Finance beg leave to submit herewith a special report on the matters referred to it during this session.

We heartily approve the business-like recommendation of the Committee on Chartered Lodges with reference to a uniform series of blanks for the use of the lodges; we believe that their plan should prevail, and would therefore recommend that the committee appointed for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect be empowered to investigate and provide the same for all lodges of the jurisdiction. The exact amount necessary for the purpose cannot be determined until the various forms have been prepared and the estimates received; however, we do not deem it essential to estimate the probable cost at this time as the Grand Lodge will merely act as a purchasing agent for the greater portion of the supplies for the lodges, and the Grand Lodge treasury will ultimately be reimbursed for the outlay so far as the supplies for the subordinate lodges are concerned.

We have investigated the probable cost of the Grand Lodge Officers' jewels, as provided in the resolution introduced in reference to that subject, and we recommend an appropriation of not to exceed \$500 for that purpose. We believe that the jewels of the officers of this Grand Lodge should be in keeping with the dignity of the stations which they occupy, and feel that it is the consensus of opinion of the members of this body that its officers should have insignia of their rank which they will not be ashamed to wear at any Masonic gathering which they may be called upon to attend in their official capacity.

In addition to these matters which have been referred to us, we feel that another should be considered. The expansion of the Grand Lodge Library and the growth of the fraternity in the state has in-

creased the volume of transactions in the office of the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian to a point where we believe that a complete voucher check system should be installed by which the record of the disbursements of those offices can be more easily and yet more simply kept. While a petty cash account is undoubtedly necessary in his office, yet we believe that all disbursements of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Librarian in excess of \$1.00 should be paid by voucher check. A simple voucher record kept up daily will greatly simplify the summaries of the expenses at the close of the year without increasing the amount of book-keeping. The system will, at the same time make the checking of the accounts by the Finance Committee not only less burdensome but more intelligent.

We therefore recommend the installation of such system, and as the expense will be but a few dollars more than the present outlay for the same purpose, we do not consider it necessary to recommend any special appropriation.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. NAREY,
D. D. CARLTON,
GEO. L. SCHOONOVER,
Committee.

FURTHER REPORT.

Brother D. D. Carlton (462) presented a report of the committee with reference to appropriations. On motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Finance having given due consideration to the subject approves of and recommends the following appropriations for the following year, congratulating the Grand Lodge that our finances are in such excellent condition that such recommendations can be made:

APPROPRIATIONS.

I. SERVICES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

| | | |
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| 217. | Grand Master P. J. Martin, 1908-09..... | \$ 600.00 |
| 218. | Grand Secretary N. R. Parvin, 1909-10 (monthly) | 2,000.00 |
| 219. | Deputy Grand Secretary for session 1909..... | |
| 220. | Grand Tyler A. N. Alberson, 1908-09..... | 150.00 |
| 221. | Chairman Trustees Grand Charity Fund, 1909-10 (quar.)... | 500.00 |
| 222. | Treasurer Trustees Grand Charity Fund 1909-10 (quar.)... | 250.00—\$ 3,500.00 |

II. GENERAL EXPENSES.

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|------|---|-----------|
| 223. | Contingent expenses Grand Master's office 1909-10..... | \$ 300.00 |
| 224. | Contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office 1909-10..... | 800.00 |
| 225. | Stationery for Trustees, Grand Officers and Committees.. | 100.00 |
| 226. | Report on Fraternal Correspondence, 1909, Louis Block.... | 200.00 |

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| 227. | Sessional expenses Grand Tyler A. N. Alberson..... | 27.50 |
| 228. | Sessional expenses Grand Lodge and Committees..... | 100.00 |
| 229. | Printing Proceedings 1909, including Advance Reports for sessional use | 1,800.00 |
| 230. | Steel plate Grand Master P. J. Martin | 100.00 |
| 231. | Printing title pages, index, and binding Vol. XXI., and Part II., Vol. XXI., and distribution of Volumes.... | 125.00 |
| 232. | Postage and express on Proceedings, 1909..... | 300.00 |
| 233. | Postage and express office of Grand Secretary and Librarian for 1909-10 | 300.00 |
| 234. | Stenographic work in office of Grand Secretary 1909-10.... | 600.00 |
| 235. | For extra help and assistance in office, bookkeeping, etc. 1909-10 | 400.00—\$ 5,152.50 |

III. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

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| 236. | Grand Officers' pay roll "A" | 376.75 |
| 237. | Committees' and Trustees' pay roll "B" | 781.33 |
| 238. | Custodians' and District Lecturers' pay roll "C" | 706.32 |
| 239. | Members' pay roll "D" | 7,101.20—\$ 8,965.60 |

IV. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

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| 240. | Contingent expenses Board of Custodians 1909-10 | \$ 100.00 |
| 241. | Transferred to Treasurer Board of Trustees Grand Charity Fund (See Sec. 421 of Code) 12½ per cent | 4,482.40 |
| 242. | Extra appropriation to temporary fund of Grand Charity Fund | 1,000.00 |
| 243. | Contingent expenses Grand Charity Fund 1909-10 | 200.00 |
| 244. | Additional appropriation to permanent fund of Grand Charity Fund | 5,000.00 |
| 245. | Surety Bond Grand Treasurer and Treasurer Board of Trustees Grand Charity Fund | 150.00 |
| 246. | Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada (41,075) | 205.38 |
| 247. | Contingent fund for emergency call of Most Worshipful Grand Master | 100.00 |
| 248. | Printing Grand Lodge History Vol. I. (Trustees) | 900.00 |
| 249. | Compensation and expenses District Lecturers | 1,200.00 |
| 250. | For additional work in carrying on card system, Installation of cases, etc. | 800.00 |
| 251. | Installation of Traveling Libraries as ordered by Grand Lodge | 500.00 |
| 252. | For purchasing and distributing List of Regular Lodges of the United States as recommended by Committee on Grand Secretary's Report | 225.00 |
| 253. | Set of Jewels for Grand Lodge Officers as ordered by Grand Lodge | 500.00 |
| 254. | Rent of Opera House for 1909, as per resolution | 100.00 |
| 255. | Jewels for Past Grand Masters not to exceed \$60.00 each (or as much as may be necessary) | 1,080.00—\$16,542.78 |

V. LIBRARY BUILDING AND LIBRARY.

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|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 256. | Expenses Library Building and Library, (10) ten cents per capita (41,075) | \$4,107.50—\$ 4,107.50 |
| Total amount of appropriations | | \$38,268.38 |

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. NAREY,
D. D. CARLTON.
GEO. L. SCHOONOVER,
Committee.

RECOGNITION—GRAND LODGE VALLE DE MEXICO.

Brother Louis Block (208), Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, presented the following. On his motion, same was—

Adopted.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence begs leave to report that it has investigated the application of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico for fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and finds that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is a sovereign Grand Body exercising supreme jurisdiction in the Republic of Mexico over the first three degrees of Ancient York Masonry, and that it acknowledges a faith in the sublime principles of York Rite Masonry according to the ancient charges of the order, and jealously guards the ancient landmarks.

Wherefore your committee would recommend that fraternal recognition be accorded by the Grand Lodge of Iowa to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and that fraternal courtesies be exchanged between the two Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS BLOCK,

Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

RECEPTION OF AGED MEMBER.

Brother J. W. Jamison (37), Past Grand Treasurer, 1869, was presented to Grand Lodge as the oldest living elective Grand Officer present at this session.

Our brother being too feeble to address the Grand Lodge, he was excused with the assurance that the brethren were pleased to have him with them, and expressed the hope that he might be able to be with them for many years to come.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS (Third).

Brother H. M. Belt (110) presented the following as the final report of the committee showing number of lodges represented, number of members present, etc.

(This report is included in the minutes of the first day's session, page 300.)

GRAND MASTER THANKS HIS BRETHREN.

Grand Master Martin stated that before making the announcement of the Installing Officer, he desired to extend his sincere thanks to the Grand and Past Grand Officers and to the brethren for the uniform kindness and courtesy which had been extended to him as presiding officer of the body during the year just closing.

He assured the brethren that he would look back over his year of service as one of the most delightful of his experience in Masonry, and he thanked them one and all for the cordial support which had been extended to him, not only during the session, but during his travels among the lodges, and he only regretted that he had not had the opportunity of visiting more of the lodges, as he felt that much good would have resulted not only to them, but of untold good to himself as the presiding officer of the Grand Body which he represented. He bespoke for his successor the same loyal support which had been extended to himself.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master announced that during recess he had privately installed the Grand Treasurer-elect, Brother C. E. Narey (329), in order to qualify him for the payment of mileage and per diem to members.

He then announced that he had requested Past Grand Master W. F. Cleveland (321) to act as—

INSTALLING OFFICER,

and he took great pleasure in presenting the gavel to him.

Brother W. F. Cleveland, as Installing Officer, requested the Grand Secretary to read the list of the officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year. As their names were called they repaired to the platform and were duly installed, and, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, Brother J. C. Jepson (374), were escorted to their respective stations, as follows:

(ELECTED.)

DAVID WATHERUP CLEMENTS (69), West Union, *Most Worshipful Grand Master*.

HUGH WILLIAM HUGHES (1), Burlington, *Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden*.

CHARLES DEWITT BECKER (10), Waterloo, *Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden*.

CHARLES EDWARD NAREY (329), Spirit Lake, *Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer*.

NEWTON RAY PARVIN (4), Cedar Rapids, *Right Worshipful Grand Secretary*.

(APPOINTED.)

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON (537), Alton, *Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master*.

———, ———, *Worshipful Deputy Grand Secretary*.

*REV. H. H. GREENE (181), Decorah, *Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain*.

SPENCER H. AMOS (170), Garden Grove, *Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon*.

BEN. F. LUETJE (221), Davenport, *Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon*.

HARRY W. HILL (50), Milton, *Worshipful Senior Grand Steward*.

WILLIAM KANE (192), Iowa Falls, *Worshipful Junior Grand Steward*.

LAFAYETTE MATTHEWS (165), Manchester, *Worshipful Grand Marshal*.

AMOS N. ALBERSON (26), Washington, *Worshipful Grand Tyler*.

PROCLAMATION.

The Grand Marshal then proclaimed the newly-elected and appointed Grand Officers as duly installed in accordance with law.

PRESENTATION APRONS TO PAST GRAND MASTERS.

At the close of the installation ceremony Brother W. F. Cleveland (321), Past Grand Master, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master, P. J. Martin, with a Past Grand Master's apron, prefacing the same with a few suitable remarks.

Brother Martin briefly responded, thanking the brethren for this renewed appreciation of their love and esteem, and assuring them that he would highly prize the same.

*Installed after close of Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Clements called Past Grand Master Hunter to the stage, and after touchingly referring to his enforced absence from last session of Grand Lodge and the cause for the same, assured him that the brethren deeply sympathized with him in the loss he had sustained by the death of his beloved wife. He then presented him with the usual Past Grand Master's apron.

Brother Hunter very feelingly responded, assuring the brethren that he would ever feel grateful to them for the love and sympathy extended to him in his hours of sadness and bereavement. He thanked the brethren for this token of regard, which he would endeavor to wear worthily.

On motion of Past Grand Master Martin, the Grand Tyler was instructed to procure a Past Grand Master's apron and forward same to Past Grand Master Henry W. Rothert, of Council Bluffs, whose apron was lost at the time of the burning of the School for the Deaf, over which he presides as Superintendent.

APPOINTMENT TRUSTEE GRAND LODGE.

Grand Master D. W. Clements (69) announced that he had appointed Crom. Bowen (110), Past Grand Master, to succeed himself as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing term of six years, 1909-1915.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1909-1910.

In accordance with announcement made by Grand Master D. W. Clements (69) at the close of the session, he has since appointed the following committees for the ensuing year:

CREDENTIALS.

H. M. BELT (110), Des Moines. J. H. SHIPLEY (465), Rippey.
F. E. STERNBERG (440), Ft. Madison.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

K. T. LAMB (200), Olin. GEORGE CUMMINGS (102), Osage.
P. G. SMITH (406), Rock Rapids.

CHARTERED LODGES.

F. S. MOSES (255), Clinton. M. J. GABRIEL (93), Lyons.
G. H. HALL (356), Dallas Center.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

F. W. CRAIG (110), Des Moines. E. M. WILLARD (271), Atlantic.
F. G. WEBBER (307), Cherokee.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

H. M. TOWNER (275), Corning. A. W. McCALLUM (331), Sibley.
W. A. WESTFALL (266), Northwood.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

C. T. GRANGER (154), Past Grand Master, Chairman, Waukon, and all
Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge who personally
reside within its jurisdiction, and are in good standing.

FINANCE.

D. D. CARLTON (462), Early. GEO. L. SCHOONOVER (46), Anamosa.
W. W. COOK (255), Clinton.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

W. L. EHLERS (474), Sioux City. BRUCE MOORE (4), Iowa City.
H. C. JONES (79), Boone.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

T. J. DAVIS (6), Marion.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

LOUIS BLOCK (208), Davenport.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

F. B. WHITAKER (541), Hillsboro.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

ON JEWELS FOR PAST GRAND MASTERS.

C. HUTTENLOCHER (110), Des Moines. ALMOR STERN (420), Logan.
N. R. PARVIN (4), Cedar Rapids.

ON REINSTATEMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

S. C. HUBER (203), Tama. A. H. CONN (25), Cedar Rapids.
G. A. RIEMCKE (2), Muscatine.

ON DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

C. C. CLARK (318), P.G.M., Burlington. J. W. BARRY (25), Cedar Rapids.
H. H. STILWELL (154), Waukon.

ON REINVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

W. F. CLEVELAND (321), P. G. M., Harlan. F. L. BILLS (37), Davenport.
T. E. POWERS (140), Clarinda.

ON VISITORS.

W. H. NORRIS (165), P. G. M., Manchester.

R. M. HUNTER (331), P. G. M., Sibley.

P. J. MARTIN (105), P. G. M., Waterloo.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the third day were then read by the Grand Secretary, N. R. Parvin (4). Same were Approved.

CLOSING ODE.

The brethren joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

BENEDICTION.

Benediction was then pronounced by Acting Grand Chaplain Louis Block (208).

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

Grand Master D. W. Clements (69), with the assistance of his Grand Officers, proceeded to close the Sixty-sixth Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in ample form, to meet again the second Tuesday (fourteenth day) in June, A. D. 1910, in Waterloo, peace and harmony prevailing.



D. W. Clements
Grand Master.

Attest:

Newton R. Parvin
Grand Secretary.

I. SUSPENSION FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT, 4 (4 LODGES.)

“Any man may commit a mistake, but none but a fool will continue in it.”

| Name. | Date. | | Lodge. | No. |
|------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|-----|
| J. H. Shaffer..... | December | 1, 1908 | Ashlar..... | 111 |
| *George Mackrill | October | 7, 1908 | Model..... | 315 |
| Henry Judge | April | 13, 1908 | Morning Light | 384 |
| Leon Webber..... | June | 22, 1908 | Larch..... | 552 |

*On new trial suspension by Lodge, Unmasonic conduct (See page 122, of the Proceedings for 1908).

II. EXPULSIONS, 13—(13 LODGES.)

“That we have errors to regret
Is but the common lot of all;
There’s something to be lived for yet,
So struggle on whate’er befall.”

| Name. | Date. | | Lodge. | No. |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 J. D. Ross..... | October | 2, 1908 | Washington..... | 26 |
| 1 Belah F. Wilson..... | June | 13, 1908 | Danville..... | 48 |
| 1 A. E. Agard..... | June | 16, 1908 | Pleasant..... | 128 |
| 1 W. H. Pettis..... | February | 5, 1909 | Occidental..... | 178 |
| 1 C. W. Stoddard..... | March | 2, 1909 | Valley | 232 |
| 1 J. W. McCray..... | December | 2, 1908 | Corner-Stone | 251 |
| 1 Ingral Erickson | December | 2, 1908 | Cyrus..... | 338 |
| 2 John Hay | December | 19, 1908 | Exodus..... | 342 |
| 1 Wm. G. Moyer | April | 27, 1908 | Earnest..... | 399 |
| 1 G. W. McGee | November | 6, 1908 | Vernon | 410 |
| 1 John W. Collinson..... | December | 17, 1908 | Stella..... | 440 |
| 1 J. H. Runner..... | August | 17, 1907 | Faithful..... | 448 |
| 3 H. S. Knapp..... | May | 22, 1907 | Acme..... | 457 |

1. Affirmed. 2. No transcript filed (See Section 359 of Code).
3. Petition for re-hearing refused and new trial ordered.



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MEMORIAM



OUR DEAD



INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF
611 OF OUR OWN BRETHREN.

“Let no man fear to die. We love to sleep all
And death is but a sounder sleep.”

“How fast Brother follows Brother
from sunshine to the sunless land.”

In Memoriam.

“The road to death must be traveled by all.”

“Let’s toil then cheerfully ; let’s die in hope,
The wall in wondrous grandeur riseth up.
They who come after shall the work complete,
And they and we receive the wages meet.”

List of deaths in the particular lodges as reported in
the Grand Lodge January, 1909:

| Name. | Date. | | Lodge. | No. |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|-----|
| Fred Ebner | October | 5, 1908 | Des Moines | 1 |
| J. S. Richman..... | May | 17, 1908 | Iowa | 2 |
| M. O. Stanwood..... | February | 11, 1908 | Iowa | 2 |
| R. W. Durkee | January | 17, 1908 | Iowa | 2 |
| Philip Stein | May | 22, 1903 | Iowa | 2 |
| W. D. Burk | August | 17, 1908 | Iowa | 2 |
| M. D. Manlove..... | November | 26, 1908 | Iowa | 2 |
| M. L. Mikesell..... | December | 26, 1908 | Iowa | 2 |
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| Howard Talbott.... | August 9, 1908 | Celestial | 413 |
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| C. A. Ingwell..... | June —, 1908 | Arion | 488 |
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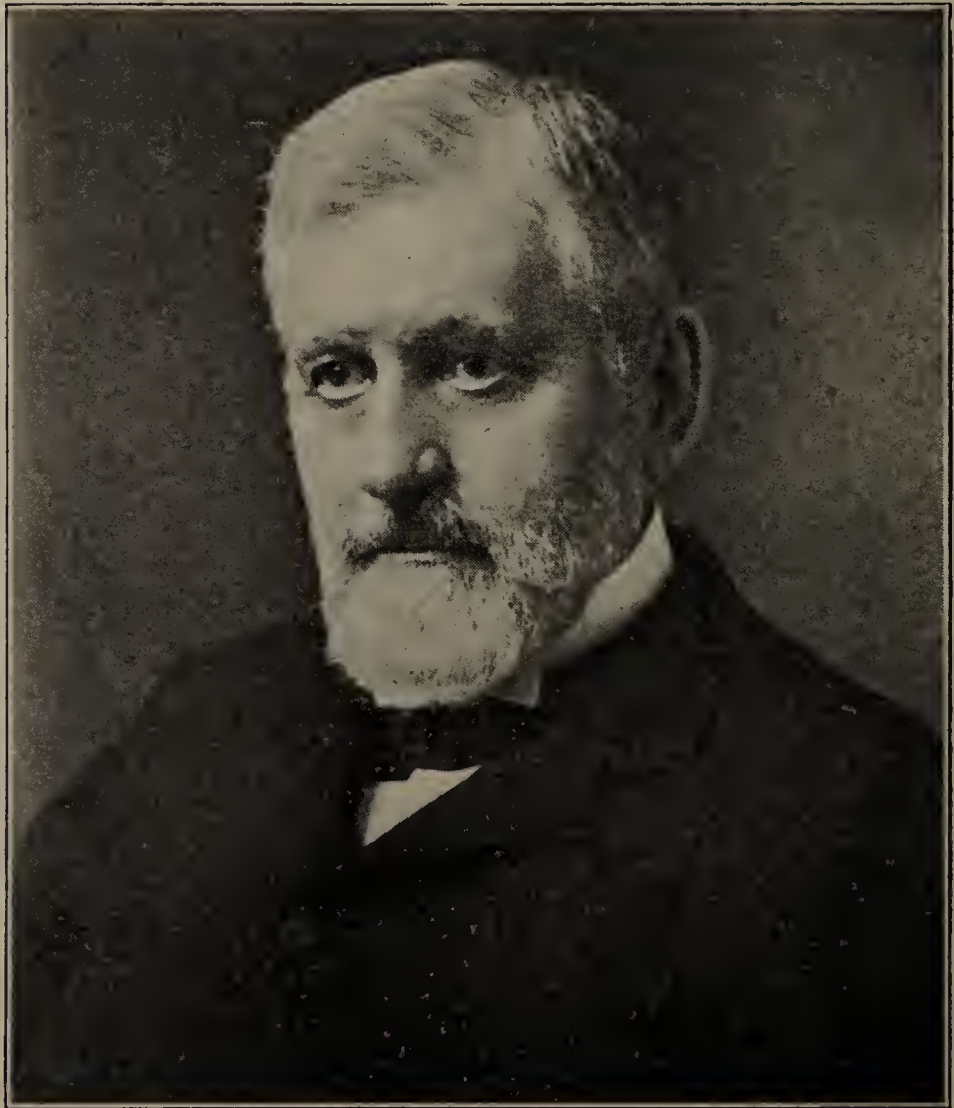
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| J. Mathew Whitman | January 29, 1908 | Gnemeth | 577 |
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| James Lowden..... | June 10, 1908 | Integrity | 584 |
| M. M. Parker..... | May 21, 1908 | Integrity | 584 |
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| Chas. C. Pearson.... | April 26, 1908 | Walnut | 588 |
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| A. M. Vanoy..... | August 7, 1908 | Waveland | 596 |
| J. S. Cafferty..... | July 22, 1908 | Nekoda | 597 |
| N. E. Cook..... | August 8, 1908 | Cyprian | 603 |

IT SINGETH LOW.

"It singeth low in every heart,
We hear it each and all,
A song of those that answer not
However we may call;
They throng the silence of the breast,
We see them as of yore,
The kind, the brave, the true, the good,
Who walk with use no more.

"More homelike seems the vast unknown
Since they have entered there,
To follow them were not so hard
Wherever they may fare.
They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore.
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,
Our God, forever more!"



William Boyd Allison,
Honorary Senior Grand Warden, June 7, 1888.

Born, Perry, Ohio, March 2, 1829.
Died, Dubuque, Iowa, August 4, 1908.

"With measure full, pressed down and running o'er,
At eventide the precious sheaves he bore
From earth to heaven! All silent the command;
The answer silent—in a silent land.

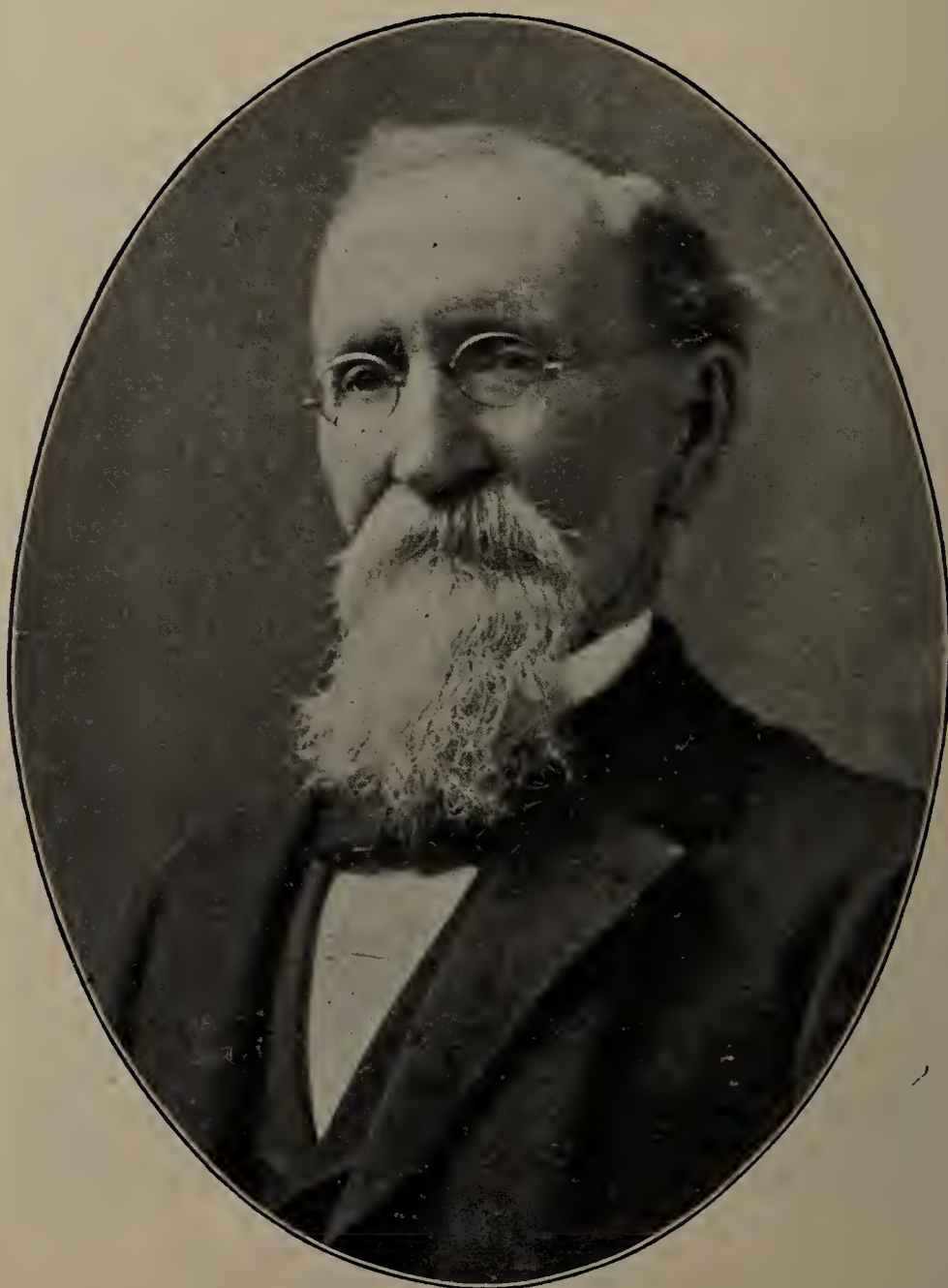
"From morn to eve he sowed with liberal hand;
He gathered, garnered, gave! A shining band
Attest his faith, his courage for the right,
Till, treasure-laden, faith was lost in sight.

"His heart a shrine, forever sacred, blest;
His friendship, anchor, wherein fear found rest;
His calling constant, clear—to teach, to serve,
To lead, full-poised, with power in strong reserve.

"We look for him; behold, a shining way!
His path shines ever to the perfect day;
Beyond our sight—but, listening, lo, we hear,
O blessed voice, his own brave voice of cheer:

"Be comforted! The treasure is so great,
Earth's farthest time is none too long to wait,
Strive on, pray on, still tread the narrow way,
Earth's thousand years are naught in heaven's bright day.'

"True heart and brave, we bless thee for that voice!
To follow thee shall be our fullest choice.
We know, where'er thou art, on shore or sea,
Thy spirit takes command, thy path is free."



Cyrus Haskel Shaw,
Senior Grand Warden, 1875-1876.

Born, Standish, Maine, November 15, 1833.
Died, Marshalltown, Iowa, March 15, 1909.

"A man of quiet and unassuming manner, social and genial nature, charitable and humane disposition; loved by all who knew him, and sincerely mourned by the community in which he lived."

AT THE TURN O' THE ROAD.

"The sorrow will seem like the wraith of a dream,
The winter will bloom like the May,
And the beautiful stars in the heavens will beam,
At the turn o' the road some day!

"An answer sweet to our life-long prayers,
And we'll hear what the angels say;
A song for a sigh! Light'll shine through our tears
At the turn o' the road some day!

"In a flowery land we shall hold Love's hand
Where the storms kneel down to pray;
After the night the light! the light!
At the turn o' the road some day!"



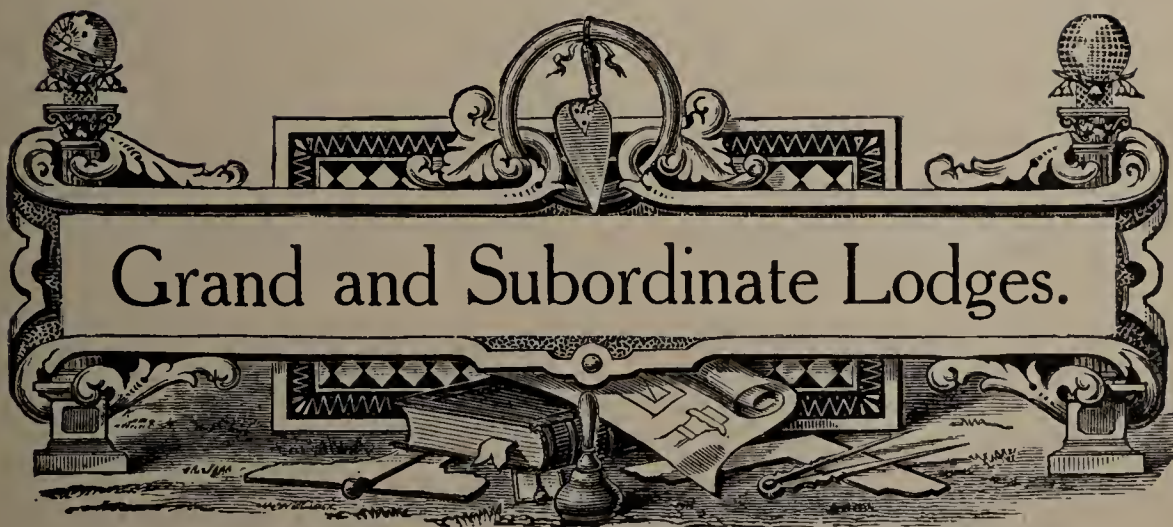
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The Fraternal Dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

TAKE THEM, O DEATH.

"Take them, O Death, and bear away
Whatever thou canst call thine own;
Thine image stamped upon this clay
Doth give thee that, but that alone;
Take them, O Grave; and let them lie
Folded upon thy narrow shelves,
As garments by the soul laid by,
And precious only to ourselves!
Take them, O Great Eternity!
Our little life is but a gust
That bends the branches of thy tree,
And trails its blossom in the dust."

APPENDIX A.

STATISTICS.



1909.

“Strict accuracy is the keynote of all business transactions.”

I. NAMES OF OFFICERS OF IOWA LODGES — 1909.

| No. | NAME LODGE. | POSTOFFICE. | COUNTY. | MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Des Moines.... | Burlington | Des Moines.... | F. Albert Klein... | A. F. Cook..... |
| 2 | Iowa | Muscatine..... | Muscatine..... | Ed. P. Ingham.... | S. L. Johnson.... |
| 3 | Dubuque | Dubuque | Dubuque | William Gere..... | L. C. Lubck..... |
| 4 | Iowa City..... | Iowa City..... | Johnson | Ralph L. Dunlap.. | Bruce Moore..... |
| 5 | Wapello | Wapello | Louisa | J. H. Dickson..... | John Hale..... |
| 6 | Marion | Marion | Linn | James Moorhead.. | F. E. Straley.. ... |
| 8 | Mt. Pleasant... | Mt. Pleasant... | Henry..... | W. R. Young..... | J.W. Satterthwait |
| 10 | Keosauqua | Keosauqua | Van Buren | Chas. R. Russell.. | H. E. Duckworth. |
| 11 | Cedar..... | Tipton | Cedar..... | W. E. Cottrell.... | F. B. Cobb..... |
| 12 | Eagle..... | Keokuk..... | Lee | J. M. Marsh | S. H. Johnston... |
| 13 | Claypoole | Ft. Madison ... | Lee | F. C. Chambers... | E. D. Smith |
| 14 | Franklin..... | Bloomfield | Davis... .. | G. P. Fryberger... | T. A. Dunlap.... |
| 15 | Clinton | Fairfield | Jefferson..... | J. S. Gaumer, ... | A. F. Greef.. .. |
| 16 | Ottumwa | Ottumwa | Wapello..... | Thos. Turner..... | H. P. Colt..... |
| 17 | Salem | Salem | Henry..... | C. A. Stevens..... | E. A. Wilmeth... |
| 18 | Tri-Luminar... | Oskaloosa | Mahaska | F. W. Glaze..... | S. R. Crissey..... |
| 21 | Olive Branch.. | Agency City... | Wapello..... | C. M. Cray..... | W. H. Reynolds.. |
| 22 | Pioneer..... | Des Moines.... | Polk..... | E. F. Bourne..... | A. B. Chadwick.. |
| 24 | Golden Rule... | Rochester... .. | Cedar | *Geo. W. Heabner | †Frank Kensinger |
| 25 | Crescent | Cedar Rapids.. | Linn | Hugh Livingston.. | A. L. Sylvester... |
| 26 | Washington ... | Washington ... | Washington .. | E. T. Wickham... | J. W. Morton.... |
| 27 | Mt. Moriah.... | Farmington ... | Van Buren | H. Sawyers..... | S. C. Franks..... |
| 28 | New London .. | New London .. | Henry | C. Nugen..... | J. H. Hobbs..... |
| 29 | Hardin | Keokuk..... | Lee | H. R. Collins | A. K. Stewart.... |
| 34 | DeWitt..... | DeWitt | Clinton | C. C. Christiansen | Andrew W. Jack.. |
| 36 | Helion | Maquoketa.... | Jackson | Harry Fischer... | Fred Gurius..... |
| 37 | Davenport.... | Davenport | Scott..... | L. R. Campbell... | E. J. Foster..... |
| 38 | Richland..... | Richland..... | Keokuk | Henry Bruns..... | N. W. Callister... |
| 40 | Troy | Troy | Davis..... | †Ralph Parks..... | D. V. Lindsey... |
| 42 | Jackson..... | Centerville.... | Appanoose.... | J. E. Trotter..... | J. C. Henaman .. |
| 43 | Evening Star.. | Winterset | Madison | JW Frankelberger | Nelson Bertholf.. |
| 44 | Snow | Le Claire | Scott | W. W. Bailey..... | J. V. Pollock.... |
| 45 | Crawfordsville. | Crawfordsville | Washington... | N. J. Lease | J. I. Holms..... |
| 46 | Anamosa | Anamosa | Jones | G. L. Schoonover.. | E. J. Wood |
| 48 | Danville..... | Danville..... | Des Moines ... | J. J. Heibner..... | A. McCormick.... |
| 49 | Metropolitan .. | Dubuque | Dubuque | Andrew Galliard.. | C. B. Trewin..... |
| 50 | Aurora | Milton | Van Buren | J. C. Forbes | E. P. Casady..... |
| 51 | Bellevue..... | Bellevue | Jackson | John Merkle | J. S. Becker..... |
| 52 | Lafayette..... | Montezuma ... | Poweshiek.... | William Blakely.. | C. W. Fenner.... |
| 53 | Warren | Indianola | Warren | C. W. Conoran... | J. H. Whitney... |
| 55 | Pella..... | Pella..... | Marion | Wm. Butt..... | H. Westerhoff... |
| 56 | Birmingham.. | Birmingham .. | Van Buren | J. T. Maddix..... | Z. T. Bell..... |
| 58 | Glenwood..... | Glenwood | Mills..... | H. W. Benson.... | W. M. Lamb..... |
| 59 | Newton | Newton | Jasper | W. J. Morgan ... | F. L. Kennedy... |
| 60 | Camanche..... | Camanche..... | Clinton | Frank Haring.... | C. C. Judd..... |
| 61 | Oriental | Knoxville..... | Marion | W. H. Bye..... | K. L. Bush..... |
| 62 | Vinton | Vinton | Benton | W. C. Hulse..... | W. E. Bickel.... |
| 63 | Chariton | Chariton..... | Lucas | Geo. G. Fancher.. | E. Oppenheimer.. |
| 65 | Black Hawk .. | Cedar Falls.... | Black Hawk .. | M. E. Huffman... | James Whillis... |
| 66 | Union Band... | Frankville..... | Winneshiek ... | G. W. Sherman... | T. J. Crawford... |
| 67 | Constellation .. | Colesburg..... | Delaware..... | F. C. Wilson..... | H. A. Mallory.... |
| 69 | West Union.... | West Union ... | Fayette..... | C. F. Chambers... | J. O. Elwing..... |
| 70 | Clayton..... | Monona | Clayton | E. F. Slitor..... | G. H. Otis..... |
| 71 | Bluff City..... | Council Bluffs. | Pottawattamie. | Chas. E. Walters.. | G. W. Lipe..... |
| 72 | Elkader | Elkader..... | Clayton | W. E. Witt..... | J. H. Hill..... |
| 73 | Bonaparte | Bonaparte..... | Van Buren | J. W. Persinger... | H. C. Cresswell... |
| 74 | Eddyville | Eddyville..... | Wapello | J. M. Crosson.... | D. W. Ward..... |
| 77 | Osceola | Osceola..... | Clarke..... | Lyle G. Smith.... | T. M. Wall..... |
| 78 | Grand River... | Leon | Decatur..... | E. E. Bell..... | J. R. Conrey..... |
| 79 | Mt. Olive..... | Boone | Boone | C. L. Harris..... | A. C. Lowry..... |
| 80 | Adel | Adel..... | Dallas | E. W. Dingwell... | M. A. Loehr..... |
| 81 | Benton City... | Shellsburg | Benton | O. C. Bergen..... | C. L. Penney..... |
| 83 | Hartford | Hartford..... | Warren | §Guy Coon..... | §W. N. Grant..... |
| 86 | Jefferson | Drakesville.... | Davis..... | I. R. Shepherd ... | A. Hannah..... |
| 87 | Independence .. | Independence .. | Buchanan | O. E. Finuf..... | J. B. Truax..... |
| 90 | Garnavillo | Garnavillo .. . | Clayton | H. P. Krueger... | W. A. Kregel..... |
| 91 | Corydon | Corydon | Wayne | W. P. Allred..... | W. E. Dennis..... |
| 93 | Lyons..... | Lyons..... | Clinton | C. A. Buechner... | J. H. Meyer..... |

*Wilton Junction. †Tipton. ‡Milton, R. R. No. 3. §Carlisle, R. F. D.

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| No. | NAME LODGE. | POSTOFFICE. | COUNTY. | MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 94 | Butler | Clarksville..... | Butler | Fred C. Barr..... | F. M. Russell..... |
| 95 | Mt. Calvary.... | West Liberty .. | Muscatine..... | John McCann..... | F. H. Battey |
| 96 | Richmond..... | Kalona | Washington ... | W. W. Jones | U. G. Snider..... |
| 99 | Nevada | Nevada..... | Story | F. G. Dunahugh.. | S. S. Statler..... |
| 100 | Western Star.. | Clinton | Clinton | W. S. Whitford... | H. S. Wilson..... |
| 102 | Osage..... | Osage | Mitchell | Geo. J. Cummings | L. E. Hovelson... |
| 103 | Landmark | Sioux City..... | Woodbury..... | Levi Bowker ... | M. E. Reed..... |
| 104 | Abingdon..... | Abingdon..... | Jefferson..... | *T. R. Jones..... | *U. S. Hawthorne |
| 105 | Waterloo..... | Waterloo..... | Black Hawk... | S. J. Hall..... | C. F. Morrill..... |
| 106 | Martinsburg ... | Martinsburg... | Keokuk..... | *Allen Hawk..... | J. T. Howell..... |
| 107 | Columbus City. | Columbus Jnct. | Louisa..... | E. P. Shellabarger | W. T. Brown..... |
| 108 | Marshall | Marshalltown.. | Marshall..... | H. G. Hoeck..... | H. S. Laurence... |
| 109 | Decatur | Decatur City... | Decatur..... | T. A. Sutherlin... | E. E. Blades..... |
| 110 | Capital..... | Des Moines..... | Polk. | J. A. West..... | B. F. Stretton... |
| 111 | Ashlar | Ft. Dodge..... | Webster. | A. W. Day..... | H. A. Cook..... |
| 112 | Mt. Vernon.... | Mt. Vernon.... | Linn | C. M. Hartung... | Geo. H. Soper... |
| 113 | Polar Star..... | Le Grand..... | Marshall..... | C. Leech..... | G. W. Renbarger |
| 114 | Marengo..... | Marengo | Iowa | B. C. Leib..... | R. VanBoskirk... |
| 115 | Star..... | Madrid | Boone | E. C. Carlson..... | S. B. Williams... |
| 116 | Tyrrell | Waverly | Bremer | F. A. Lee..... | F. M. Downing... |
| 117 | Montague | Eldora | Hardin | C. C. Polley..... | N. S. Carpenter... |
| 118 | Toledo..... | Toledo | Tama | Charles Benesh... | John L. Wilson... |
| 119 | Unionville..... | Unionville | Appanoose | C. W. Taylor..... | F. A. Wilson |
| 120 | Adoniram | Wayland | Henry..... | L. C. Henss..... | H. Magdefrau.... |
| 121 | Panora | Panora | Guthrie | D. D. Rees, Jr.... | A. T. Whitmer... |
| 122 | Ionic | Atalissa | Muscatine | E. M. Crees..... | J. B. Vanhorn.... |
| 123 | Orange..... | Guthrie Center | Guthrie | F. R. Jones..... | H. H. Mercer..... |
| 124 | Lovilia..... | Lovilia | Mouroe | R. R. Amber..... | A. M. Wilson ... |
| 125 | Mosaic | Dubuque | Dubuque | H. F. Brown..... | Wm. Zumhof..... |
| 126 | Magnolia..... | Magnolia..... | Harrison..... | H. H. Wade..... | H. C. Cutler..... |
| 127 | Cascade | Cascade..... | Dubuque | G. W. Craft..... | W. L. Crawford.. |
| 128 | Pleasant | Pleasantville .. | Marion | Ira Benge..... | F. F. Spalti..... |
| 129 | Bradford | Nashua | Chickasaw.... | W. R. Wright | G. E. Ellison |
| 130 | Strawberry Pt. | Strawberry Pt. | Clayton..... | A. Porter | H. W. Scofield... |
| 131 | Equity..... | Janesville | Bremer | W. S. Beatty..... | J. R. Royer..... |
| 135 | Bezer..... | McGregor | Clayton | F. S. Richards... | W. H. C. Elwell.. |
| 136 | Joppa..... | Montrose | Lee | †J. H. Noonan... | J. B. Kiel..... |
| 137 | Lewis..... | Lewis | Cass | N. F. Hunt..... | H. G. Cotton..... |
| 138 | Fontanelle ... | Fontanelle | Adair..... | L. S. Peek..... | Don D. McClure.. |
| 139 | Springville ... | Springville | Linn | J. W. Carbee..... | W. H. Pherrin... |
| 140 | Nodaway | Clarinda | Page | E. B. Westcott... | O. C. Greene..... |
| 141 | St. Charles..... | Charles City ... | Floyd | C. F. Dinkel..... | W. V. Whitten ... |
| 142 | Vienna | Center Point... | Linn | E. G. Thompson... | J. M. Bartleson .. |
| 144 | Evergreen | Lansing | Allamakee.... | A. M. Fellows... | Julius Boeckh.... |
| 145 | Benevolence... | Mason City.... | Cerro Gordo... | W. G. C. Bagley.. | C. P. Shipley..... |
| 147 | Prairie la Porte | Guttenberg.... | Clayton..... | Z. G. Houck | F. J. Friedlein... |
| 148 | Fairbank | Fairbank..... | Buchanan. ... | O. A. Soper..... | L. J. Kane..... |
| 149 | Dayton | Wellman | Washington ... | E. C. Jones | M. E. Crossett... |
| 150 | Cresco | Cresco..... | Howard | C. A. Marshall... | G. R. Story..... |
| 151 | Afton | Afton | Union | E. M. Johnson... | T. F. Shunk..... |
| 152 | Inter Ocean.... | Lacona | Warren | W. H. Funk..... | G. F. Tilden..... |
| 153 | Nishnabotany.. | Sidney | Fremont | Geo. G. Chappell. | H. E. Hawley.... |
| 154 | Waukon | Waukon..... | Allamakee.... | H. H. Stilwell... | A. P. Bock..... |
| 155 | Patmos..... | Mechanicsville | Cedar..... | E. Webbels..... | J. H. Onstott.... |
| 156 | Taylor..... | Bedford..... | Taylor..... | K. E. Stephens ... | F. B. Webb..... |
| 158 | Wiscotta | Redfield..... | Dallas..... | C. E. Cave..... | C. A. Diddy..... |
| 159 | Morning Star.. | Jefferson | Greene..... | John Stevenson... | C. G. Kelley..... |
| 160 | Clermont..... | Clermont..... | Fayette..... | Wm. Larabee, Jr. | Frank Frisbee ... |
| 162 | Red Oak | Red Oak | Montgomery.. | Roy T. Will..... | W. W. Montgomery |
| 163 | Bellefontaine.. | Tracy | Marion | L. E. Park..... | J. B. Lyman..... |
| 164 | St. Clair..... | Norway..... | Benton | Chas. Buchanan.. | C. E. Simpson.... |
| 165 | Manchester.... | Manchester.... | Delaware | Peter A. Peterson. | J. M. Pearse..... |
| 167 | Wilton | Wilton Junctn. | Muscatine..... | H. B. Strong..... | I. L. Wright..... |
| 168 | Farmers | Kinross..... | Keokuk | M. J. Chandler... | W. J. Jack..... |
| 169 | Resurgam | Sabula | Jackson | W. G. Newsome... | W. E. Long..... |
| 170 | Temple..... | Garden Grove.. | Decatur | J. D. Burns..... | L. J. Ede..... |
| 172 | National..... | Farmersburg .. | Clayton | John Everall..... | W. Q. Adams..... |
| 173 | Burns | Monticello | Jones | E. E. Reed..... | J. S. Houser..... |

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| 174 | Corinthian.... | Brooklyn..... | Poweshiek | W. F. Berger..... | I. A. Thompson... |
| 175 | Hope..... | Belle Plaine... | Benton | James Park..... | C. A. Sweet..... |
| 176 | Acacia..... | Webster City... | Hamilton | W. L. Whitham... | Geo. J. Mauch.... |
| 178 | Occidental ... | Sac City | Sac | J. E. Adams | Edward Drewry.. |
| 179 | Faith | Mt. Ayr..... | Ringgold | C. L. V. Thompson | J. B. Currie..... |
| 181 | Great Lights... | Decorah..... | Winneshiek ... | H. J. Green..... | A. F. Barfoot.... |
| 182 | Webb..... | Sigourney..... | Keokuk..... | E. C. Polmeteer... | H. F. Wagner.... |
| 183 | Hiram Abiff... | Lineville | Wayne..... | Howard Petty.... | Rob Workman.... |
| 184 | Zeredatha | Wheatland | Clinton..... | Ed. Guenther.... | M. H. Curtiss.... |
| 185 | Tyre | Columbia | Marion | W. A. Allen..... | Ernest Witt..... |
| 187 | Rising Sun.... | Hopkinton ... | Delaware..... | J. D. McAlister... | F. A. Irish..... |
| 188 | Naphtali | South English. | Keokuk | C. L. Dillon..... | F. F. Benedict... |
| 189 | Emblem..... | Pleasanton ... | Decatur..... | J. E. Leeper | W. R. Clampett.. |
| 190 | Attentive Ear.. | Sandyville | Warren | Jas. Stone..... | C. W. Sandy |
| 191 | Anchor..... | Hampton..... | Franklin | R. T. Warner..... | Wm. L. Burres... |
| 192 | Mason's Home. | Iowa Falls.... | Hardin | William Kane.... | F. E. Foster..... |
| 193 | Clay | Lewisburg..... | Wayne | *I. F. Mendenhall | †A. J. Surbaugh. |
| 194 | Fairview..... | Monroe..... | Jasper | C. B. Wright..... | G. C. Kipp..... |
| 195 | Eastern Star... | Humboldt..... | Humboldt..... | C. E. Wilson..... | C. H. Prindle.... |
| 197 | Charity | Coon Rapids... | Carroll..... | A. C. Parkinson... | C. E. Morris..... |
| 198 | Kilwinning.... | Batavia | Jefferson..... | Albert Whitmore. | W. S. Campbell... |
| 199 | Lincoln..... | Blairstown.... | Benton | S. H. Watson..... | P. H. Lynch |
| 200 | Ant. Landmark | Olin | Jones | Gilbert Blayney.. | A. A. Cole..... |
| 201 | Jeptha..... | Auburn | Sac | F. A. Meyer..... | G. M. Parker.... |
| 202 | York | Arlington | Fayette..... | E. S. Taylor | Floyd Finney.... |
| 203 | Hiram of Tyre. | Tama City..... | Tama | F. O. Redmon.... | F. H. Arb..... |
| 204 | Brotherly Love | Postville | Allamakee.... | †Talcott Bollman. | James Perry..... |
| 205 | Prudence | Algona | Kossuth | J. F. Overmeyer.. | S. W. Crowell.... |
| 206 | Keystone | Wyoming | Jones | B. H. Chamberlain | Robt. Overley.... |
| 208 | Trinity..... | Davenport.... | Scott..... | Chris. Meyer, Jr.. | Louis C. Stein... |
| 210 | King Solomon. | Belmond | Wright | E. A. Ely..... | G. M. Slight..... |
| 211 | Relief | Riceville | Mitchell. | B. N. Hendricks.. | E. R. St. John.... |
| 212 | Unity | Woodburn..... | Clarke..... | W. S. Beatty..... | L. H. Rowley.... |
| 213 | Truth..... | Forest City.... | Winnebago... | J. H. McKay..... | S. E. Hewitt..... |
| 214 | Howard..... | Lime Springs.. | Howard | Frank Burns | Wm. J. Lean..... |
| 215 | Concordia..... | Thayer | Union | C. H. Olinger..... | W. A. Wright.... |
| 216 | Trowel | La Porte City.. | Black Hawk... | A. N. Calb..... | C. B. Gingrich... |
| 217 | Quitman | Stiles | Davis | Jas. Stookesberry. | Geo. Stookesberry |
| 218 | Preston | Prairie City... | Jasper | Chas. D. Johnson. | J. H. Freeman... |
| 219 | Fountain | Ackley | Hardin | C. J. Doepke..... | T. T. Roosevelt.. |
| 221 | Fraternal..... | Davenport.... | Scott..... | Herman Rohlf... | J. J. Peters..... |
| 222 | Siloam | Jesup..... | Buchanan | C. B. Ganiere..... | J. T. Burrell.... |
| 223 | Vesper | Onawa..... | Monona | C. H. Huntington. | W. D. Brown.... |
| 225 | Tadmor..... | Greeley..... | Delaware..... | W. J. Wroughton. | F. M. Hilsenbeck |
| 226 | Progress | Mediapolis.... | Des Moines... | J. D. Bridges | W. O. Riddle.... |
| 227 | Lebanon..... | Lynnville | Jasper | R. R. Riley..... | C. L. Zimmerman |
| 228 | Fidelity | Humeston | Wayne | Bert McCulloch .. | D. P. Goodrich... |
| 229 | Gavel | Attica | Marion | §A. A. Davis..... | °C. H. Williams.. |
| 230 | Justice | Ollie | Keokuk | J. J. Terrell..... | ¶Frank Bell..... |
| 231 | Social..... | Millersburg... | Iowa..... | Geo. E. Jack..... | C. R. Bauer |
| 232 | Valley..... | Missouri Valley | Harrison..... | W. H. Sudduth... | L. S. Haskin..... |
| 233 | Champion | Spring Hill.... | Warren | S. E. Sterrett.... | J. C. Higen |
| 234 | Silver Urn.... | Malvern | Mills | C. S. Royce..... | R. L. Hale..... |
| 235 | Good Faith.... | Winfield..... | Henry | W. P. Dunnahoo. | J. A. Baxter..... |
| 236 | Toleration.... | Fremont | Mahaska | Guy Roof..... | A. J. Rhoads |
| 237 | Arcturus..... | Ossian | Winneshiek ... | I. H. DeGraff.... | E. R. Webster.... |
| 238 | White Marble.. | North Liberty. | Johnson..... | \|\|S. M. Mahaffey.. | B. Eastland..... |
| 239 | Compass..... | Parkersburg... | Butler..... | E. E. Schrack.... | J. R. Strickland.. |
| 240 | Zerubbabel ... | Lake City..... | Calhoun | J. M. Stewart.... | C. S. Hopkins.... |
| 241 | Kedron..... | Geneva | Franklin | Harry E. Luke.... | C. H. Tidd..... |
| 242 | Universe | What Cheer ... | Keokuk..... | T. C. Legoe..... | John Ford..... |
| 244 | Hospitable ... | Dunlap..... | Harrison | Lee Edwards | T. Decker..... |
| 245 | Triangular ... | Letts | Louisa..... | F. A. Stump..... | B. F. Snyder..... |
| 248 | Pleiades..... | Fayette..... | Fayette..... | W. M. Rickert... | E. N. Hartman... |
| 249 | Arcadia | Ames | Story | Benton Stull.... | U. S. Griffith |
| 250 | Verity | Clear Lake ... | Cerro Gordo. | C. E. Wright..... | J. W. Dawson.... |
| 251 | Corner-Stone.. | Marble Rock... | Floyd | Robert Ramsay. : | B. F. Ludwig..... |
| 252 | Antiquity | Moravia | Appanoose ... | Z. T. S. McFatridge | R. McDanel..... |

*Garden Grove.

†Humeston.

‡Castalia, R. D. No. 1.

§Everist.

||Solon.

°Knoxville, R. D. No. 8.

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| 253 | Jerusalem | Hamburg..... | Fremont..... | S. T. Mitchell..... | W. R. Harris |
| 254 | Lily | Malcom | Poweshiek..... | F. S. Bernard..... | W. J. Johnson..... |
| 255 | Emulation..... | Clinton..... | Clinton..... | Jens L. Bohnson.. | W. F. Ferguson.. |
| 256 | Fortitude..... | Van Meter..... | Dallas | J. L. Platt, Jr.... | Clarance Dunn.. |
| 258 | Jordan..... | Moingona..... | Boone | Lester Carpenter. | Chas. North..... |
| 259 | Excelsior | Council Bluffs.. | Pottawattamie. | C. H. Conrad | Thos. McMillen. |
| 260 | Industry..... | Rose Hill..... | Mahaska | W. N. Wright..... | Almer James |
| 261 | Escallop | Shell Rock..... | Butler | O. B. Wahl | Carl Hummell.... |
| 262 | Equality..... | Steamboat R'k.. | Hardin | Chas. E. Starr..... | H. B. Campbell.. |
| 263 | Mt. Hermon... | Cedar Rapids.. | Linn..... | T. Will Runkle... | J. J. Clements.... |
| 264 | Signet | Carroll..... | Carroll..... | J. L. Miner..... | E. J. Pelsue..... |
| 266 | Northern Light | Northwood.... | Worth | Guy C. Toye..... | G. E. Whitcomb.. |
| 268 | Damascus..... | Albion | Marshall..... | *W. H. Arney..... | F. H. Figert..... |
| 269 | Empire..... | Ottumwa..... | Wapello..... | W. I. Miller..... | E. B. Hill..... |
| 270 | Montgomery... | Villisca..... | Montgomery... | Geo. B. Sexton... | W. A. Stillians... |
| 271 | Pymosa..... | Atlantic..... | Cass..... | C. B. Clovis..... | Wm. E. Wissler.. |
| 273 | Hermon | Grinnell..... | Poweshiek..... | H. R. Dean | D. M. Arnold..... |
| 274 | Arcana | New Hampton.. | Chickasaw..... | E. G. Shepard.... | C. L. Grimsby.... |
| 275 | Instruction ... | Corning..... | Adams..... | O. R. Cain..... | K. D. James..... |
| 276 | Terrestrial ... | State Center... | Marshall..... | J. A. Shepard..... | W. A. Cowan..... |
| 277 | Perfect Union.. | Thornburg.... | Keokuk | Robert Orr..... | Sam McKain..... |
| 280 | Meridian..... | Kellogg..... | Jasper | C. T. Powers..... | E. J. Burchard... |
| 281 | Right Hand... | De Witt..... | Clinton..... | L. S. Harrington.. | T. W. Wheeler... |
| 283 | Purity | Casey..... | Guthrie..... | C. E. Ettinger.... | C. E. Berry..... |
| 284 | Level | Central City... | Linn..... | H. M. Taylor..... | J. W. Ellenberger. |
| 285 | Plumb..... | °Siam..... | Taylor..... | †W. P. Spencer... | †Ira W. Smith.... |
| 286 | Square..... | Earlville..... | Delaware..... | C. B. Rogers..... | William Hunt.... |
| 287 | Sharon..... | Victor | Iowa..... | T. E. Gillaspie... | C. E. Ward..... |
| 289 | Amicable..... | Smithland..... | Woodbury.... | Geo. M. Clark ... | W. W. Smith..... |
| 290 | Canopy | Oxford | Johnson..... | R. J. Miller | R. P. Jones..... |
| 292 | Columbia..... | Colo..... | Story | H. R. Wilson..... | Henry Yeager... |
| 293 | Mt. Tabor..... | Dexter..... | Dallas | W. S. Robinson... | H. F. Fitting..... |
| 294 | Rock..... | Nora Springs.. | Floyd..... | F. E. Grove | H. C. Hamilton.. |
| 297 | Mt. Nebo | Avoca | Pottawattamie. | A. C. Meitzen.... | G. A. Spaulding.. |
| 299 | Otley | Perry..... | Dallas | N. E. Hart..... | H. P. Ward..... |
| 300 | Tri-Centum.... | Shenandoah... | Page | L. W. Lewis..... | L. N. Wilson..... |
| 301 | Neophyte..... | New Virginia.. | Warren | J. H. Fulmer.... | H. C. VanScoy... |
| 303 | Rhodes | Ogden..... | Boone | W. C. Bradshaw.. | J. H. Noyes..... |
| 304 | Token | Stuart | Guthrie..... | R. J. McKee..... | C. H. Noyes..... |
| 307 | Speculative... | Cherokee | Cherokee..... | F. G. Webber | L. F. Parker..... |
| 308 | Operative..... | Polk City..... | Polk..... | †Harvey Bagley.. | C. Hug..... |
| 309 | Jewel | Storm Lake.... | Buena Vista.. | A. C. Fuller..... | J. H. LaGrange... |
| 311 | Monumental... | ¶Reasnor..... | Jasper | ‡Alfred Lust..... | §John Hews..... |
| 312 | Evening Shade | Spencer..... | Clay | I. F. Constant ... | E. Taggart..... |
| 313 | Crystal..... | Mitchellville.. | Polk | C. E. Starks..... | I. W. Quaintance. |
| 315 | Model..... | St. Charles ... | Madison | S. S. Switzer..... | R. D. Minard.... |
| 316 | Cope-Stone.... | Calmar | Winnebushiek.. | W. D. Hurlbut... | J. L. Sanders.... |
| 317 | Sincerity | Moulton..... | Appanoose.... | Geo. L. Bovard... | E. L. Stickney... |
| 318 | Malta..... | Burlington.... | Des Moines.... | A. N. Duffy | W. W. Lilly..... |
| 319 | Bethel..... | Garner..... | Hancock..... | Isaac Sweigard... | F. E. Blackstone.. |
| 320 | Bethany | Blockton..... | Taylor..... | ¶A. W. Dennis.... | F. Schoenman.... |
| 321 | Parian..... | Harlan | Shelby..... | J. H. Frederickson | O. F. Graves..... |
| 322 | Giblem | Le Mars..... | Plymouth | E. A. Musbach.... | H. S. Martin. |
| 323 | Sirius | Rockford..... | Floyd..... | J. E. Bruce | Joshua Bruce.... |
| 324 | Astral | Preston..... | Jackson..... | J. W. Campbell... | L. M. Halstead.. |
| 325 | Cyrene | Clarion..... | Wright | L. M. Hartsock... | E. B. White..... |
| 326 | Alpha..... | Greene..... | Butler | Geo. W. Wilson... | C. V. Cave..... |
| 329 | Twilight | Spirit Lake.... | Dickinson..... | J. L. Farr..... | R. S. Carlton.... |
| 330 | Monitor..... | Delmar | Clinton..... | E. S. McCord..... | F. P. Goodjohn... |
| 331 | Broken Column | Sibley | Osceola..... | Alfred Morton.... | G. T. Cottingham |
| 332 | Enterprise..... | Sioux Rapids.. | Buena Vista... | E. W. Clark..... | E. J. Norris..... |
| 333 | Mt. Horeb..... | Fredericksb'g.. | Chickasaw.... | G. F. Whitcomb.. | S. P. Moore..... |
| 334 | Emerald..... | Grundy Center | Grundy..... | E. A. Crary..... | S. H. Knapp..... |
| 335 | Ark..... | Oakland..... | Pottawattamie. | R. G. Smith..... | L. V. Pulver |
| 336 | Mahaska..... | New Sharon... | Mahaska..... | Will Champion... | K. C. Thompson.. |
| 338 | Cyrus | Gilman..... | Marshall | F. R. Ensminger.. | C. F. Pohle..... |
| 340 | Hesperia | Traer..... | Tama | N. R. Morison.... | Frank Hœppner.. |
| 341 | Mersail | Thurman..... | Fremont | Wallace Beckwith | H. McCartney.... |

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†Bedford.

‡Granger.

§Reasnor.

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°Lodge located at Buchanan.

¶Lodge located at Galesburg.

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| 342 | Exodus..... | Exira..... | Audubon..... | John Schlater.... | Fred R. Smith.... |
| 343 | Tremont..... | Lenox..... | Taylor..... | E. N. Beadel..... | Albert Cless..... |
| 344 | Senna..... | Liberty Center. | Warren..... | *C. C. Edgerton... | J. A. Murphy... |
| 347 | Abiff..... | Sutherland.... | O'Brien..... | H. E. Cooper..... | J. B. Murphy..... |
| 348 | Right Angle... | Conway..... | Taylor..... | S. McCrear..... | P. C. Miller..... |
| 349 | Setting Sun... | West Side..... | Crawford..... | E. B. Spottswood. | W. L. Spottswood |
| 350 | Prospect..... | Quasqueton... | Buchanan..... | Harry A. Nelson... | J. R. Wallace.... |
| 351 | Standard..... | Waucoma..... | Fayette..... | C. H. Cochran.... | J. M. Burnside... |
| 352 | Blazing Star... | †Tama..... | Tama..... | †W. F. Beadle.... | †C. H. Reed..... |
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| 354 | Canby..... | Cromwell..... | Union..... | Wm. Ellis..... | W. B. Emerine... |
| 355 | Myrtle..... | Seymour..... | Wayne..... | J. L. Brooks..... | J. W. Lowry..... |
| 356 | Delta..... | Dallas Center.. | Dallas..... | Geo. L. Cadwell... | J. I. Kramer..... |
| 357 | Junction..... | Grand Junct'n. | Greene..... | F. J. Harned..... | John Maxwell.... |
| 358 | Eleusis..... | Pulaski..... | Davis..... | C. H. Milligan.... | James E. Reed... |
| 360 | Mountain..... | Essex..... | Page..... | N. G. Miller..... | B. S. Pendleton.. |
| 362 | Altar..... | Urbana..... | Benton..... | °E. L. Ketterman. | D. N. Lane..... |
| 364 | Fidelitas..... | Fairfax..... | Linn..... | CJ Knickerbocker | Joseph Holets... |
| 365 | Orient..... | Ainsworth..... | Washington... | T. J. Easter..... | W. W. Moore..... |
| 366 | Radiant..... | Alden..... | Hardin..... | H. E. Button..... | John Tomlinson. |
| 368 | Marble..... | Carlisle..... | Warren..... | F. C. Hull..... | E. J. Yakish..... |
| 369 | Haggai..... | Glidden..... | Carroll..... | F. G. Rust..... | O. B. Moorhouse. |
| 370 | Home..... | Des Moines.... | Polk..... | Will A. Luge..... | R. M. J. Coleman. |
| 371 | Silentia..... | Shelby..... | Shelby..... | J. M. Jones..... | S. B. Frum..... |
| 372 | Advance..... | Allerton..... | Wayne..... | T. H. Walker..... | B. H. Coulter.... |
| 373 | Centennial..... | Grant..... | Montgomery... | J. E. Miller..... | Geo. T. Cary..... |
| 374 | Hebron..... | Oelwein..... | Fayette..... | Wm. Walker..... | R. B. Jamison... |
| 375 | Remembrance. | Davis City.... | Decatur..... | John M. Howell.. | Geo. P. Campbell |
| 376 | Mistletoe..... | Sheldon..... | O'Brien..... | H. E. Palmer..... | G. T. Wolk..... |
| 377 | Kane..... | Ida Grove..... | Ida..... | Wm. H. Cross..... | W. J. Scott..... |
| 378 | Humanity..... | Emerson..... | Mills..... | W. R. Crawford... | J. R. Longshore.. |
| 379 | Friendship.... | Farragut..... | Freemont..... | Z. H. Burrows... | C. A. Vaughn.... |
| 380 | Obedience..... | Anita..... | Cass..... | B. D. Forshay.... | G. W. Marsh..... |
| 381 | Wapsinonoc... | West Branch.. | Cedar..... | B. A. Gill..... | D. E. McClellan.. |
| 382 | Frontier..... | Little Sioux... | Harrison..... | Clark Ellis..... | T. J. Lanyon.... |
| 384 | Morning Light. | Manson..... | Calhoun..... | Chas. E. Bale.... | Wm. Ries..... |
| 386 | Crusade..... | Greenfield.... | Adair..... | Geo. Brooks..... | C. D. Myers..... |
| 387 | Due Guard..... | Danbury..... | Woodbury.... | O. O. Spotts..... | Louis Larson.... |
| 388 | Central..... | Peoria..... | Mahaska..... | ¶W. S. Lindsley.. | ¶W. E. Ashton.... |
| 389 | Riverside..... | Colfax..... | Jasper..... | D. Myron Tripp.. | Harry A. Noble.. |
| 390 | Lake..... | Wall Lake.... | Sac..... | F. E. Johnston... | S. R. Cooke..... |
| 391 | Stellapolis.... | Williamsburg.. | Iowa..... | C. G. Jones..... | T. T. Osborn.... |
| 392 | Veritas..... | Audubon..... | Audubon..... | W. R. Smith..... | D. L. Freeman... |
| 393 | Ascalon..... | Dysart..... | Tama..... | E. F. Douglass... | C. G. Kaiser..... |
| 394 | Coin..... | Reinbeck..... | Grundy..... | S. W. DeWolf.... | R. B. Ferguson... |
| 395 | Lookout..... | Sumner..... | Bremer..... | Jas M. Noon..... | G. P. Linn..... |
| 396 | Surprise..... | Murray..... | Clarke..... | O. E. Garrett.... | L. R. Valentine.. |
| 398 | Wheeler..... | Odebolt..... | Sac..... | B. Brynteson.... | J. L. Bruce..... |
| 399 | Earnest..... | Emmetsburg... | Palo Alto..... | E. A. Morling.... | H. C. Darland.... |
| 400 | Silver Light... | Silver City.... | Mills..... | J. G. McCue..... | E. A. Stevens.... |
| 401 | Charter Oak... | Woodbine..... | Harrison..... | Reuben J. Morse | J. R. Aughey.... |
| 402 | Golden Gate... | Scranton..... | Greene..... | W. W. Anderson.. | A. E. Adams..... |
| 404 | Quarry..... | Mapleton..... | Monona..... | C. C. Jacobsen... | C. E. Carhart.... |
| 405 | Emmanuel..... | Blanchard.... | Page..... | Albert Nordholm. | T. W. Puthuff... |
| 406 | Border..... | Rock Rapids... | Lyon..... | C. C. Brugman... | F. B. Parker..... |
| 407 | King David.... | Altoona..... | Polk..... | G. W. Heller..... | B. A. Pace..... |
| 408 | Pomegranate.. | Alta..... | Buena Vista... | W. J. Sievers.... | G. C. Isbel..... |
| 409 | Milan..... | Milo..... | Warren..... | J. D. Smith..... | E. Richmond.... |
| 410 | Vernon..... | Promise City.. | Wayne..... | P. S. Green..... | C. A. Sayer..... |
| 411 | Temperance... | Minburn..... | Dallas..... | C. E. Basart..... | A. F. McQuie.... |
| 412 | Cass..... | Griswold..... | Cass..... | G. M. Foresyth... | W. L. Roberts.... |
| 413 | Celestial..... | Doud's..... | Van Buren.... | S. McDoud..... | W. C. Harryman. |
| 414 | Good Shepherd | Lucas..... | Lucas..... | J. C. F. Bell..... | C. B. Rogers..... |
| 415 | Ruby..... | Macedonia.... | Pottawattamie | J. M. Coons..... | H. K. Dye..... |
| 417 | Opal..... | Allison..... | Butler..... | E. J. Davis..... | W. S. Montgomery |
| 419 | Onyx..... | Sanborn..... | O'Brien..... | D. Barker..... | P. Velie..... |
| 420 | Chrysolite... | Logan..... | Harrison..... | E. E. Beck..... | O. L. Case..... |
| 421 | Beryl..... | Prairieburg... | Linn..... | C. E. Buckley.... | Elmo Whitney... |

*Lacona. †Tama. °Center Point. ‡Chelsea. ¶Pella.
 ¶Lodge located at Haven.

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| No. | NAME LODGE. | POSTOFFICE. | COUNTY. | MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 422 | Diamond | Vail | Crawford | J. H. Kral | L. L. Hoffman.... |
| 423 | Agate... .. | Neola..... | Pottawattamie | Albert Smith.... | J. H. Garland.... |
| 424 | Jasper | Livermore.... | Humboldt. ... | W. F. Johnson.... | W. L. Johnson ... |
| 425 | Carnelian | Dows | Wright | F. A. Thayer.... | U. H. Rummel... |
| 426 | Pearl | Sheffield..... | Franklin | G. F. Stoll..... | G. R. Miner |
| 427 | Sapphire | Hull | Sioux..... | C. L. Beach..... | J. W. Still..... |
| 428 | Royal..... | Newell | Buena Vista... | H. C. Gorden.... | C. E. Aroc..... |
| 429 | Gem | Paton | Greene..... | J. E. Anderson ... | F. I. Gardiner.... |
| 430 | Coral | Carson..... | Pottawattamie | George Stephens.. | F. G. Weeks..... |
| 431 | Darius | Britt | Hancock..... | J. E. Verrall.... | W. A. Simkins... |
| 432 | Symbol | Fonda | Pocahontas.... | I. P. Longnecker.. | Ira A. Moore..... |
| 434 | Freedom | Akron | Plymouth | A. N. Williams ... | L. A. Douglass... |
| 435 | Zealous | Oxford Junct.. | Jones | J. E. Davies..... | J. H. Orris |
| 436 | Olivet | Gladbrook | Tama | Martin Mec..... | G. M. Stauffer... |
| 437 | Banner | Grand River.. | Decatur..... | J. W. Robinson... | J. C. Brothers.... |
| 438 | Topaz | Kellerton..... | Ringgold | R. Emerson..... | L. D. Lillie..... |
| 439 | Crown | Randolph | Fremont | H. J. Failing.. ... | L. O. Clark |
| 440 | Stella | Fort Madison.. | Lee | H. H. Wilson.... | J. W. Boling..... |
| 441 | Guardian | Defiance..... | Shelby | George Rewerts... | T. C. Ford..... |
| 442 | Formal | Kirkville | Wapello | *Wm. Bain..... | J. H. McCune.... |
| 443 | Jacinth | Weldon..... | Decatur..... | G. F. Wolever.... | T. L. McVay..... |
| 444 | Sardius | Irwin | Shelby | G. E. McMullen.. | P. Nelson..... |
| 445 | Stainless | Nichols..... | Muscatine..... | B. L. Metcalf. ... | R. S. Rice..... |
| 446 | Perseverance .. | Battle Creek... | Ida | J. F. Lloyd | J. T. Montgomery |
| 447 | North Star..... | Estherville ... | Emmet | W. P. Galloway .. | G. G. Gardner... |
| 448 | Faithful | Runnels..... | Polk | J. M. Person..... | W. W. Murray... |
| 449 | Beulah..... | Adair | Adair..... | Geo. B. Lynch.... | Ed. F. Ross..... |
| 450 | Manual | Manning | Carroll | F. W. Kemp..... | Wm. Metzger.... |
| 451 | Benevolent | Bayard | Guthrie | F. E. Munger.... | G. L. Arrasmith.. |
| 452 | Tabernacle | Cambridge.... | Story | Frank Thompson.. | M. S. Beck |
| 453 | Covenant | New Market... | Taylor | C. W. McColm.... | E. A. Pace..... |
| 454 | Peaceful | Woodward | Dallas | W. P. Dickerson.. | L. H. Ozias..... |
| 455 | Herald | Maxwell | Story | Peter Joor..... | A. Warner |
| 456 | Dale | Hawarden..... | Sioux | T. J. Reeves..... | W. M. Wixson .. |
| 457 | Acme | Schaller | Sac | Geo. J. Speaker... | C. W. Brimhall.. |
| 458 | Noble..... | Clearfield..... | Taylor | C. J. Harvey..... | L. A. Tope..... |
| 459 | Sunlight..... | Gravity | Taylor | C. H. Thomas.... | Sam. Robinson .. |
| 461 | Apollo | Cantril..... | Van Buren ... | †F. J. Wells..... | Walter Miller.... |
| 462 | St. Elmo..... | Early | Sac | E. C. Fuller..... | C. L. Strohmeier.. |
| 463 | Seba | Marcus | Cherokee | Geo. H. Cargin... | L. H. Talcott.... |
| 464 | Bower | Eagle Grove ... | Wright | R. O. Packman .. | U. F. Bowen..... |
| 465 | Elmo | Rippey | Greene..... | Samuel I. Beaman | L. F. Lofstedt... |
| 466 | Eden..... | Rhodes | Marshall..... | †A. C. Heintz.... | A. Hale |
| 467 | Pilot | Rolfe | Pocahontas.... | W. S. Butler | J. K. Lemon..... |
| 468 | Republic | Jewell Junction | Hamilton | O. U. Johnson.... | M. H. Porter.... |
| 469 | Pacific | Zearing..... | Story | C. L. Whitaker... | Geo. Phillips.... |
| 470 | Cosmos | Kingsley..... | Plymouth | Randolf Payne... | J. A. Ingalls.... |
| 471 | Alpine.... .. | Holstein..... | Ida | W. F. Hutton.... | J. D. Greve..... |
| 472 | Beaver | New Hartford.. | Butler..... | H. J. Wood..... | C. R. Harmon ... |
| 473 | Mutual | Swan | Marion | M. F. Henry..... | Guy Mickle..... |
| 474 | Burning Bush .. | Correctionville | Woodbury.... | A. J. Weeks..... | Geo. A. Bailey... |
| 475 | Solar | Pomeroy..... | Calhoun | G. B. Peterson.... | Malc. Peterson... |
| 476 | Sunbeam | Bagley | Guthrie | G. C. Rider..... | A. H. Busch..... |
| 477 | Sioux..... | Ireton | Sioux | Chas. E. Hughes.. | A. T. Stafford... |
| 478 | Twin Lakes.... | Rockwell City.. | Calhoun. | J. C. Frick..... | C. M. Randall.... |
| 479 | Triumph | North English.. | Iowa | H. J. Jones..... | C. B. Butler..... |
| 480 | New Hope | Eldon..... | Wapello | C. E. Abbott.... | W. J. Pollard.... |
| 481 | Agemo | Riverton..... | Fremont | R. E. Williams ... | Thos. G. Shaw ... |
| 482 | Gloaming | Milford..... | Dickinson | R. F. Price | E. A. Woods..... |
| 483 | Ivy | Truro..... | Madison | T. A. Fulton.... | F. R. Jeffries.... |
| 485 | Garfield..... | Hedrick | Keokuk | W. W. Young.... | D. E. Beck |
| 487 | Highland..... | Ruthven | Palo Alto..... | G. Baldwin..... | J. H. Thatcher... |
| 488 | Arion | Lake Mills.... | Winnebago.... | R. J. Dawson.... | Jacob Larson.... |
| 490 | Craftsman | Persia | Harrison..... | D. W. Tilton.... | J. G. Cave..... |
| 491 | Black Oak | Leighton | Mahaska | ‡Wm. Patterson.. | L. S. Walker..... |
| 492 | Grove. | Marne | Cass..... | Chris Sorensen ... | F. N. Moon..... |
| 493 | Summit | Elliott | Montgomery... | C. B. Halbert.... | L. A. Baldwin.... |

*Ottumwa, R. R. No. 5. †Keosauqua. ‡Collins. †Oskaloosa, R. F. D.

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| No. | NAME LODGE. | POSTOFFICE. | COUNTY. | MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 495 | Beacon | Hartley | O'Brien | J. J. Rae..... | R. A. Woodward. |
| 496 | Rising Star | Primghar..... | O'Brien | W. S. Armstrong. | J. S. Nye..... |
| 497 | Phoenix | Hubbard..... | Hardin | J. T. Livengood.. | W. O. Reed..... |
| 498 | Vulcan | Bristow..... | Butler..... | ..... | D. N. Reeve..... |
| 499 | Fulton | Paullina..... | O'Brien | D. Algyer..... | Geo. Raw..... |
| 500 | Rob Morris | Walker..... | Linn | John B. Edwards. | T. W. Hawkinson |
| 501 | Mt. Hope | Clarance | Cedar | Hosea Ballau.... | G. E. Smith..... |
| 502 | Attica..... | Sloan..... | Woodbury | F. W. Schreiber.. | S. J. Oliver..... |
| 503 | Progressive | Bancroft | Kossuth | E. Megorden.... | O. C. Alexander.. |
| 504 | Prosperity | Cincinnati ... | Appanoose | Matthew Steel... | William Samson. |
| 505 | Astor | Albia..... | Monroe..... | F. M. Weeber.... | H. H. Gantz..... |
| 506 | Rose | Gowrie | Webster | A. N. Smith | F. T. Peterson.... |
| 507 | Sylvan | Denison | Crawford | Chas. Bollen..... | A. J. Randall..... |
| 508 | Tyrian | Sioux City.... | Woodbury | R. D. Kellog..... | F. W. Mears |
| 509 | Adelphic..... | Des Moines.... | Polk..... | F. H. Noble..... | J. W. Roe..... |
| 510 | Sunnyside | Maynard | Fayette..... | W. H. Seeley..... | C. L. E. Masters.. |
| 511 | Waterfall | Hazelton | Buchanan..... | E. H. Latham.... | W. A. Kortemeyer |
| 512 | Golden Rod.... | Deep River.... | Poweshiek | Geo. Icenbice.... | E. T. Whitney.... |
| 513 | Fervent | Collins..... | Story | W. H. Thompson. | C. L. Fish..... |
| 514 | Templar | West Bend.... | Palo Alto..... | S. P. Crisman.... | L. W. Balgeman . |
| 515 | Comfort..... | Massena | Cass..... | A. H. Hosfelt.... | Wray Wilson..... |
| 516 | Victoria..... | Riverside | Washington ... | D. S. Hardy..... | L. Burris..... |
| 517 | Laurel | Lake View | Sac | E. E. Speaker.... | Fred Wells..... |
| 518 | Silver Leaf.... | Elgin..... | Fayette..... | C. J. Harrington.. | C. T. Schmid..... |
| 519 | Grace. | Laurens | Pocahontas ... | J. W. Morgan.... | S. E. Swanson.... |
| 520 | Unit | Baxter | Jasper | John Allen..... | Carl C. Webb..... |
| 521 | Little Sioux.... | Washita | Cherokee | H. F. Hoffman ... | A. T. Prang |
| 522 | Crest City..... | Creston | Union | Fred W. Ide..... | C. F. Good..... |
| 523 | Mecca | Coggon | Linn | L. G. Hall..... | G. T. Main..... |
| 524 | Firm | Dallas | Marion | August Juline.... | R. E. Hixenbaugh |
| 525 | Silver Cord.... | Ocheyedan | Osceola..... | S. I. Bradrick.... | W. M. Roth..... |
| 526 | Perfect Square. | Hiteman | Monroe..... | Thos. Oakley.. | J. C. Wagner..... |
| 527 | Silver Lake.... | Lake Park..... | Dickinson | H. M. Andresen.. | Aug. Sindt..... |
| 528 | Maple Leaf.... | Elma..... | Howard | J. W. Klemme.... | F. W. Church..... |
| 529 | Active | Linden | Dallas | E. C. Jacoby..... | J. E. Hall..... |
| 530 | Tennyson | Barnes | Mahaska | F. M. Likens | W. E. Lawrence.. |
| 531 | Oak | Dayton | Webster | O. F. Peebler | O. M. Olson..... |
| 532 | Trial | Moville..... | Woodbury | R. J. Anderson... | W. L. Sanborn ... |
| 533 | Emmet | Armstrong | Emmet | J. B. Knipe..... | E. R. Stoaks..... |
| 535 | Abner..... | Lone Tree..... | Johnson | H. L. Zimmerman | Wm. Zimmerman |
| 536 | Welcome | Peterson..... | Clay..... | Frank Steckmest. | John Bair |
| 537 | Floyd..... | Alton..... | Sioux | M. D. Gibbs..... | J. Waldron..... |
| 538 | Viona | Renwick | Humboldt..... | J. H. Foley..... | J. G. Kelling |
| 539 | Cypress | Orient | Adair..... | D. G. Wiley..... | R. J. Collins..... |
| 540 | Kossuth | Burt | Kossuth | J. A. Foster..... | E. Chas. Haskell. |
| 541 | Belmont | Hillsboro | Henry..... | F. B. Whitaker... | H. D. Tade..... |
| 542 | Windsor | Hawkeye..... | Fayette..... | A. C. Burkhart... | Carl Krueger.... |
| 543 | Live Oak | Charter Oak... | Crawford | G. S. Waterhouse. | C. A. Mains..... |
| 544 | Acmode | Modale | Harrison..... | John Young..... | Glen E. Townsend |
| 545 | Federal..... | Yarmouth..... | Des Moines.... | E. M. Boies..... | J. P. Mathias..... |
| 546 | Byron | Winthrop | Buchanan | G. B. Thompson.. | B. H. Clark..... |
| 547 | Alamo | Williams | Hamilton | C. A. Bratnober.. | Ray T. Johnson.. |
| 548 | Trojan..... | Marion | Linn | L. C. Dow | C. O. Ingersoll.... |
| 549 | Fellowship.... | ¶Kalona..... | Johnson..... | I. J. Marner..... | Nye Patterson.... |
| 550 | Cerulean | Anthon..... | Woodbury..... | D. H. Hawthorne. | C. J. Mason..... |
| 551 | Julien | Farley | Dubuque | Chas. L. Kay..... | Wm. Baker..... |
| 552 | Larch | Larchwood | Lyon | B. Twamley..... | J. R. Williams.... |
| 553 | Paradise | Corwith | Hancock | Lewis Larson..... | F. A. Beers..... |
| 554 | Pyramid | Chio | Wayne | W. M. Bruner..... | H. C. Paddock... |
| 555 | Circle..... | Prescott | Adams | E. M. Snively.... | S. Yeadon..... |
| 556 | Harbor | Lost Nation... | Clinton | E. T. Housh..... | E. J. Rutenbeck |
| 557 | Granite..... | Thornton | Cerro Gordo... | C. G. Messer..... | Roy Seney..... |
| 558 | Fern | Lorimor | Union | C. M. Boling..... | J. D. Hillman.... |
| 559 | Morro | Walnut..... | Pottawattamie | M. Moore | A. E. Kincaid.... |
| 560 | Columbian.... | Everly | Clay..... | D. D. Treleven... | H. A. Wehde.... |
| 561 | Full Moon.... | Melbourne.... | Marshall..... | J. O. DeButts.... | J. H. Bagley..... |
| 562 | Weston | Whiting | Monona | Chas. Morton.... | L. A. Patterson... |
| 563 | Meteor | Yale | Guthrie | A. M. Lakin..... | R. J. Flansburg.. |

¶Lodge located at Frank Pierce.

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| No. | NAME LODGE. | POSTOFFICE. | COUNTY. | MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
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| 564 | Roman..... | Conrad | Grundy | *J. W. Hutchinson | W. G. Lounsberry |
| 565 | Mishna | Pocahontas... | Pocahontas ... | S. L. McIntire.... | O. P. Malcolm.... |
| 566 | Maple..... | Jolley | Calhoun..... | W. N. Steele..... | F. C. Mallory.... |
| 567 | Cement..... | Burr Oak..... | Winneshiek... | †Robinson Reid.. | \|\|J. C. Rollins.... |
| 568 | Madison | Earlham..... | Madison | F. W. Lippincott.. | S. W. Henkle..... |
| 569 | Amber..... | Quick..... | Pottawattamie | †F. W. Perry..... | F. S. Perry..... |
| 570 | Nain..... | Buffalo Center. | Winnebago.... | E. E. Secor | E. A. Smesrude... |
| 571 | Fayette..... | Lamoni..... | Decatur..... | G. R. Grenawalt.. | B. M. Russell.... |
| 572 | Palm..... | Lehigh | Webster..... | R. Addy..... | H. A. Brown..... |
| 573 | Hazel..... | East Peru..... | Madison..... | W. E. Holdcroft.. | G. G. Hole..... |
| 574 | Benj. Franklin | Lisbon..... | Linn..... | J. A. Wood | E. A. Chamberlin |
| 575 | Center..... | Delta | Keokuk..... | E. L. Root | Albert Ball..... |
| 576 | Kohinoor..... | Story City..... | Story | R. N. Ballard.... | Grant Myers..... |
| 577 | Gnemeth | Valley Junction | Polk..... | L. H. DeFord.... | C. P. Waldron.... |
| 578 | Ally | Dow City..... | Crawford..... | F. C. Howorth.... | G. M. Goddard... |
| 579 | Mural..... | Gilmore City... | Humboldt.... | A. L. Belt..... | Lorenz Lorenzen. |
| 580 | Bethshan | Churdan..... | Greene..... | Edward Timmons | M. B. Westervelt. |
| 581 | Zenith..... | Chelsea..... | Tama..... | F. J. Benesh..... | Jos. Benesh..... |
| 582 | Volunteer..... | Tabor..... | Fremont..... | U. G. Mank..... | T. M. Aistrophe, Jr. |
| 583 | Mysteria..... | Plover..... | Pocahontas... | A. McEwen. | C. A. Garlock |
| 584 | Integrity..... | Bussey | Marion | B. E. Evans..... | W. A. Jones..... |
| 585 | Ensign | Jamaica..... | Guthrie | T. M. Aylsworth.. | J. J. Coon..... |
| 586 | Elk | Moorhead..... | Monona | Fred. Stevens.... | J. H. Johnson.... |
| 587 | Universal..... | Marathon..... | Buena Vista... | H. E. Swope..... | W. J. Miller..... |
| 588 | Walnut..... | Mystic | Appanoose.... | Geo. S. Miner..... | R. W. Orr |
| 589 | Fountain City. | Goldfield | Wright | Chas. Troyer | W. C. Knight.... |
| 590 | Iroquois | Nodaway..... | Adams | E. C. Kennedy.... | P. L. Howland... |
| 591 | Amaranth | DeSota..... | Dallas | P. E. Rose. | J. H. Pyers..... |
| 592 | Auburn..... | Des Moines.... | Polk..... | Harry J. Saylor.. | J. H. McGuire.... |
| 593 | Holman | Rowley | Buchanan | G. W. Tapper.... | J. B. Dingsley... |
| 594 | Solomon..... | Lamont | Buchanan..... | D. A. Sheffield.... | R. V. Graves..... |
| 595 | Golden Leaf... | Manilla..... | Crawford | F. A. Jackson.... | Frank A. Brown. |
| 596 | Waveland | Blakesburg.... | Wapello | W. S. Cash..... | F. J. Raymond... |
| 597 | Nekoda | Lohrville | Calhoun..... | D. J. Townsend... | W. L. McDiarmid |
| 598 | Loyalty..... | Ute | Monona | T. C. Torrison... | Wallace Jones ... |
| 599 | Rock River.... | Doon | Lyon | Chas. Creglow ... | J. A. Hoff |
| 600 | Imperial..... | Swea City..... | Kossuth | C. R. Van Voorhes | C. W. Pearson.... |
| 601 | Acorn..... | Stratford | Hamilton..... | Nels Sandell..... | O. D. Peterson.... |
| 602 | Alhambra | Union | Hardin | §F. F. Pool..... | §F. P. Butler..... |
| 603 | Cyprian | Miles | Jackson | Wm. D. McFaul.. | Chas. J. Denick.. |
| 604 | Sunset | Royal..... | Clay | O. B. Scott..... | H W Hendricksen |
| 605 | Golden Sheaf.. | Rock Valley.. | Sioux..... | Robt. Roantree... | C. W. Jacobs |
| 606 | Avalon | Edgewood..... | Clayton..... | L. B. Blanchard.. | G. W. Pilkington. |

*Beaman. †Hesper. ‡McClelland. §Whitten. ||Prosper, Minn.

II. SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES—JAN.1, A. D. 1909

The Items, "Died," "Suspended U. M. C.," "Expelled," may be found in tables on pages preceding, and the "Dues" on page 281 of Proceedings.

| No. | NAME OF LODGE. | TIME OF STATED MEETING. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Admitted | Reinsta'd | Demitted | No. of Memb'rs. |
|-----|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | Des Moines..... | First Monday in each month.... | 5 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 150 |
| 2 | Iowa | First Tuesday in each month.... | 17 | 14 | 15 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 372 |
| 3 | Dubuque | Third Thursday in each month | 13 | 13 | 11 | 1 | .. | 3 | 200 |
| 4 | Iowa City..... | Third Monday in each month... | 42 | 37 | 29 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 222 |
| 5 | Wapello | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 77 |
| 6 | Marion | Third Tuesday in each month.. | 10 | 14 | 12 | 3 | .. | 1 | 153 |
| 8 | Mt. Pleasant..... | First Friday in each month.... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 152 |
| 10 | Keosauqua..... | Monday before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 88 |
| 11 | Cedar | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | .. | 1 | 87 |
| 12 | Eagle | First Tuesday in each month.... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | .. | 2 | 99 |
| 13 | Claypoole..... | First Friday on or before ☉..... | 16 | 17 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 202 |
| 14 | Franklin | Friday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .. | 3 | 97 |
| 15 | Clinton | Monday on or before ☉..... | 21 | 17 | 18 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 185 |
| 16 | Ottumwa..... | First Thursday in each month.. | 20 | 16 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 196 |
| 17 | Salem..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 37 |
| 18 | Tri Luminar | Second Friday in each month.. | 13 | 12 | 13 | 3 | .. | 8 | 305 |
| 21 | Olive Branch..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 42 |
| 22 | Pioneer | Second Saturday in each month. | 41 | 42 | 42 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 401 |
| 24 | Golden Rule..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 33 |
| 25 | Crescent..... | First Monday in each month.... | 29 | 28 | 34 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 412 |
| 26 | Washington..... | First Friday in each month.... | 10 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 125 |
| 27 | Mt. Moriah..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 87 |
| 28 | New London | Monday on or before ☉..... | 15 | 16 | 17 | 2 | .. | 3 | 146 |
| 29 | Hardin | Second Monday in each month. | 6 | 8 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | 74 |
| 34 | De Witt..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 62 |
| 36 | Helion | First Tuesday in each month.... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 4 | 143 |
| 37 | Davenport..... | First Monday in each month.... | 12 | 11 | 12 | .. | 3 | 2 | 207 |
| 38 | Richland | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 6 | .. | 2 | 2 | 69 |
| 40 | Troy | Friday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 25 |
| 42 | Jackson..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 235 |
| 43 | Evening Star..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 157 |
| 44 | Snow | Last Friday in each month..... | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 62 |
| 45 | Crawfordsville..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 46 | Anamosa | Friday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 11 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 149 |
| 48 | Danville..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 68 |
| 49 | Metropolitan | First Thursday in each month.. | 8 | 13 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 196 |
| 50 | Aurora..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 104 |
| 51 | Bellevue | First Monday in each month.... | 4 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 48 |
| 52 | Lafayette..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 8 | 9 | .. | 1 | .. | 121 |
| 53 | Warren | Friday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 125 |
| 55 | Pella..... | First Monday in each month.... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 41 |
| 56 | Birmingham | Monday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 23 |
| 58 | Glenwood | Friday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 7 | 79 |
| 59 | Newton | Friday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 | .. | 7 | 254 |
| 60 | Camanche..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 4 | 5 | .. | 1 | 2 | 56 |
| 61 | Oriental | Friday on or before ☉..... | 13 | 13 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 174 |
| 62 | Vinton | Second Tuesday on or before☉. | 11 | 11 | 10 | .. | 2 | 7 | 121 |
| 63 | Chariton | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | 2 | 148 |
| 65 | Blackhawk..... | Second Monday in each month. | 11 | 14 | 14 | 3 | .. | 4 | 159 |
| 66 | Union Band..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 22 |
| 67 | Constellation..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| 69 | West Union. | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 111 |
| 70 | Clayton | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| 71 | Bluff City..... | Third Tuesday in each month.. | 35 | 36 | 33 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 284 |
| 72 | Elkader..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 81 |
| 73 | Bonaparte..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 72 |
| 74 | Eddyville..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | 77 |
| 77 | Osceola..... | Third Tuesday in each month .. | 11 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 86 |
| 78 | Grand River..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 94 |
| 79 | Mt. Olive..... | First Tuesday in each month.... | 13 | 15 | 18 | 4 | .. | 3 | 256 |
| 80 | Adel..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | .. | 1 | 68 |
| 81 | Benton City | Saturday before ☉..... | 10 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 44 |
| 83 | Hartford | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 68 |
| 86 | Jefferson..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 |

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|-----|----------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 87 | Independence..... | First Friday in each month..... | 5 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 122 |
| 90 | Garnavillo..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 34 |
| 91 | Corydon..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | .. | 4 | 79 |
| 93 | Lyons..... | Third Wednesday in each month | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | 117 |
| 94 | Butler..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 9 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 50 |
| 95 | Mt. Calvary..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 13 | 12 | 11 | 3 | .. | 4 | 131 |
| 96 | Richmond..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 43 |
| 99 | Nevada..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 97 |
| 100 | Western Star..... | Second Monday in each month. | 8 | 7 | 7 | 1 | .. | 5 | 241 |
| 102 | Osage..... | First Thursday in each month.. | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 | .. | 4 | 198 |
| 103 | Landmark..... | Second Monday in each month. | 28 | 31 | 28 | 23 | 1 | 4 | 448 |
| 104 | Abingdon..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| 105 | Waterloo..... | Second Tuesday in each month. | 44 | 41 | 43 | 25 | .. | 12 | 616 |
| 106 | Martinsburg..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 57 |
| 107 | Columbus City..... | Thursday on or after ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 53 |
| 108 | Marshall..... | Friday after second Sunday..... | 16 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 339 |
| 109 | Decatur..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 4 | 6 | .. | .. | 1 | 52 |
| 110 | Capital..... | Second Monday in each month. | 42 | 46 | 48 | 28 | 3 | 14 | 639 |
| 111 | Ashlar..... | First Tuesday in each month... | 22 | 21 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 189 |
| 112 | Mt. Vernon..... | First Tuesday on or before ☉.... | 12 | 13 | 11 | .. | 2 | 3 | 100 |
| 113 | Polar Star..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 47 |
| 114 | Marengo..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 74 |
| 115 | Star..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | .. | 1 | 108 |
| 116 | Tyrrell..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 125 |
| 117 | Montague..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 4 | 87 |
| 118 | Toledo..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 13 | 9 | 9 | 3 | .. | 6 | 82 |
| 119 | Unionville..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 69 |
| 120 | Adoniram..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 23 |
| 121 | Panora..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | .. | 2 | 56 |
| 122 | Ionic..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 48 |
| 123 | Orange..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 118 |
| 124 | Lovilia..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 56 |
| 125 | Mosaic..... | Second Tuesday in each month. | 9 | 9 | 10 | 4 | .. | 3 | 181 |
| 126 | Magnolia..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 38 |
| 127 | Cascade..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 50 |
| 128 | Pleasant..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 52 |
| 129 | Bradford..... | Friday on or before each ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 75 |
| 130 | Strawberry Point.. | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 71 |
| 131 | Equity..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 6 | .. | 3 | 3 | 62 |
| 135 | Bezer..... | First Monday in each month.... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 63 |
| 136 | Joppa..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 53 |
| 137 | Lewis..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 5 | 1 | .. | 3 | 75 |
| 138 | Fontanelle..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 59 |
| 139 | Springville..... | Last Saturday on or before ☉... | 3 | 3 | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 32 |
| 140 | Nodaway..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 14 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 144 |
| 141 | St. Charles..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 109 |
| 142 | Vienna..... | Monday before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 37 |
| 144 | Evergreen..... | Second Tuesday on or after ☉.. | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 62 |
| 145 | Benevolence..... | First Thursday in each month.. | 16 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 226 |
| 147 | Prairie la Porte.... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 62 |
| 148 | Fairbank..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| 149 | Dayton..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 78 |
| 150 | Cresco..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 12 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 117 |
| 151 | Afton..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 14 | 16 | 15 | .. | .. | 3 | 106 |
| 152 | Inter-Ocean..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 39 |
| 153 | Nishnabotany..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | .. | 5 | 85 |
| 154 | Waukon..... | First Tuesday in each month.... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 92 |
| 155 | Patmos..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 9 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | 85 |
| 156 | Taylor..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 4 | 110 |
| 158 | Wiscotta..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 | 64 |
| 159 | Morning Star..... | First Monday in each month.... | 5 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 124 |
| 160 | Clermont..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 |
| 162 | Red Oak..... | First Wednesday in each month | 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 179 |
| 163 | Bellefontaine..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 5 | .. | 1 | 1 | 33 |
| 164 | St. Clair..... | Friday on or after ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 37 |
| 165 | Manchester..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 7 | 5 | 2 | .. | 4 | 162 |
| 167 | Wilton..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .. | .. | 74 |
| 168 | Farmers..... | Saturday on or after ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 |
| 169 | Resurgam..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 55 |
| 170 | Temple..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 106 |

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| 172 | National..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31 |
| 173 | Burns | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 10 | 11 | .. | 1 | 2 | 74 |
| 174 | Corinthian..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | 84 |
| 175 | Hope..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .. | 1 | 138 |
| 176 | Acacia..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 153 |
| 178 | Occidental..... | First Friday in each month | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | 4 | 97 |
| 179 | Faith | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | 83 |
| 181 | Great Lights..... | Second Monday in each month | 25 | 20 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | 96 |
| 182 | Webb..... | First Tuesday of each month... | 8 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 120 |
| 183 | Hiram Abiff..... | Friday before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 72 |
| 184 | Zeredatha..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 57 |
| 185 | Tyre | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 30 |
| 187 | Rising Sun..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 6 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 55 |
| 188 | Naphtali..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 40 |
| 189 | Emblem | First Saturday on or before ☉... | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | .. | 51 |
| 190 | Attentive Ear..... | Saturday on or after ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 31 |
| 191 | Anchor | First Friday in each month..... | 6 | 8 | 8 | .. | 1 | 2 | 101 |
| 192 | Masons' Home... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | .. | 4 | 149 |
| 193 | Clay | Saturday on or after ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 194 | Fairview | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | .. | 1 | 104 |
| 195 | Eastern Star..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | .. | 3 | 120 |
| 197 | Charity | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 134 |
| 198 | Kilwinning..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 19 | 18 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | 96 |
| 199 | Lincoln | First Thursday in each month.. | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 38 |
| 200 | AncientLandm'rk | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 4 | 105 |
| 201 | Jeptha..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | 34 |
| 202 | York | Friday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 28 |
| 203 | Hiram of Tyre.... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 66 |
| 204 | Brotherly Love.... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 71 |
| 205 | Prudence..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 142 |
| 206 | Keystone | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | 107 |
| 208 | Trinity..... | First Friday in each month..... | 9 | 11 | 12 | 4 | .. | 6 | 301 |
| 210 | King Solomon.... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | .. | 2 | 65 |
| 211 | Relief..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | 103 |
| 212 | Unity..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | .. | 1 | 4 | 61 |
| 213 | Truth..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 73 |
| 214 | Howard | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 4 | .. | 5 | 4 | 65 |
| 215 | Concordia | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 216 | Trowel..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 5 | 5 | .. | 1 | 2 | 60 |
| 217 | Quitman | Saturday on or after ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 218 | Preston..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 3 | 45 |
| 219 | Fountain | Monday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 74 |
| 221 | Fraternal..... | First Wednesday in each month. | 10 | 11 | 12 | 2 | .. | .. | 201 |
| 222 | Siloam..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 34 |
| 223 | Vesper..... | Second Wednesday in each mo. | 10 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 80 |
| 225 | Tadmor | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 5 | 9 | 1 | .. | 3 | 112 |
| 226 | Progress | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | 26 |
| 227 | Lebanon.. | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 8 | 1 | .. | 3 | 65 |
| 228 | Fidelity..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 8 | 8 | 1 | .. | 1 | 82 |
| 229 | Gavel | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 8 | 6 | .. | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| 230 | Justice..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 45 |
| 231 | Social | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 36 |
| 232 | Valley | Second Tuesday in each month. | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 115 |
| 233 | Champion | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 26 |
| 234 | Silver Urn | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 66 |
| 235 | Good Faith | Friday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 10 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | 96 |
| 236 | Toleration..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 61 |
| 237 | Arcturus..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 34 |
| 238 | White Marble..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 239 | Compass..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 59 |
| 240 | Zerubbabel | Friday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 104 |
| 241 | Kedron..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 29 |
| 242 | Universe..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 92 |
| 244 | Hospitable | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 7 | 8 | 3 | .. | 2 | 68 |
| 245 | Triangular..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 71 |
| 248 | Pleiades | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 3 | 63 |
| 249 | Arcadia | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 21 | 20 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 200 |
| 250 | Verity | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 84 |
| 251 | Corner-Stone..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 27 |
| 252 | Antiquity | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 113 |

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| 253 | Jerusalem | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | 106 |
| 254 | Lily | Second Tuesday in each month | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 36 |
| 255 | Emulation..... | First Tuesday in each month.... | 18 | 22 | 20 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 261 |
| 256 | Fortitude..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 7 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | 69 |
| 258 | Jordan | Monday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 33 |
| 259 | Excelsior | Second Tuesday in each month. | 30 | 28 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 193 |
| 260 | Industry | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 40 |
| 261 | Escallop..... | Second Monday in each month. | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | .. | .. | 44 |
| 262 | Equality..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 3 | 53 |
| 263 | Mt. Hermon..... | First Thursday in each month... | 22 | 19 | 26 | 4 | .. | 5 | 261 |
| 264 | Signet..... | Third Wednesday in each month | 11 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 131 |
| 266 | Northern Light... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 88 |
| 268 | Damascus..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | 51 |
| 269 | Empire..... | Second Thursday in each month | 8 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 88 |
| 270 | Montgomery..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | 101 |
| 271 | Pymosa..... | First Monday in each month... | 8 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 140 |
| 273 | Hermon..... | Second Wednesday in each mo... | 11 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 149 |
| 274 | Arcana..... | Tuesday on or after ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | 3 | 86 |
| 275 | Instruction..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 5 | 4 | .. | 1 | 8 | 128 |
| 276 | Terrestrial..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | 84 |
| 277 | Perfect Union.. | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 52 |
| 280 | Meridian..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 70 |
| 281 | Right Hand | First Friday after ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 25 |
| 283 | Purity | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | .. | 4 | 52 |
| 284 | Level | Wednesday on or after ☉..... | 14 | 13 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 285 | Plumb..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | .. | 1 | 3 | 71 |
| 286 | Square | Friday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 49 |
| 287 | Sharon..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 12 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 75 |
| 289 | Amicable..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 36 |
| 290 | Canopy..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 6 | 5 | 2 | .. | 1 | 54 |
| 292 | Columbia | Friday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 46 |
| 293 | Mt. Tabor..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1 | .. | 2 | 59 |
| 294 | Rock..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 14 | 14 | 14 | 1 | .. | 1 | 91 |
| 297 | Mt. Nebo..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 55 |
| 299 | Otley..... | First Saturday in each month... | 5 | 3 | 2 | .. | 2 | 2 | 177 |
| 300 | Tri-Centum..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 113 |
| 301 | Neophyte..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 3 | 64 |
| 303 | Rhodes..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 10 | 11 | .. | 2 | 3 | 71 |
| 304 | Token | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | .. | 4 | 79 |
| 307 | Speculative..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | .. | 4 | 169 |
| 308 | Operative..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 37 |
| 309 | Jewel..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 110 |
| 311 | Monumental..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 49 |
| 312 | Evening Shade... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 155 |
| 313 | Crystal..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 73 |
| 315 | Model | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 6 | .. | 1 | 2 | 114 |
| 316 | Cope-Stone | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 24 |
| 317 | Sincerity..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 5 | 100 |
| 318 | Malta..... | Second Tuesday in each month. | 6 | 7 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | 93 |
| 319 | Bethel..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 8 | 8 | 2 | .. | 3 | 74 |
| 320 | Bethany | Friday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | 42 |
| 321 | Parian..... | First Saturday in each month... | 8 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 157 |
| 322 | Giblem..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 109 |
| 323 | Sirius..... | Tuesday on or after ☉..... | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 65 |
| 324 | Astral..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 38 |
| 325 | Cyrene | First Friday in each month.... | 6 | 7 | 12 | 1 | .. | 3 | 95 |
| 326 | Alpha | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 77 |
| 329 | Twilight..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 13 | 13 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 82 |
| 330 | Monitor..... | First Wednesday in each month | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 54 |
| 331 | Broken Column... | Second Friday in each month .. | 10 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 73 |
| 332 | Enterprise.... | First Tuesday in each month... | 8 | 9 | 7 | .. | .. | 5 | 69 |
| 333 | Mt. Horeb..... | Wednesday on or after ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 34 |
| 334 | Emerald..... | Second Tuesday in each month. | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 62 |
| 335 | Ark..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 8 | 8 | 2 | .. | 2 | 84 |
| 336 | Mahaska..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | .. | 79 |
| 338 | Cyrus..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 74 |
| 340 | Hesperia..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 12 | 11 | 12 | .. | 1 | 2 | 128 |
| 341 | Mersail..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 2 | 49 |
| 342 | Exodus | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 1 | .. | 67 |
| 343 | Tremont | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 93 |

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| 344 | Senna..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 28 |
| 347 | Abiff..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 79 |
| 348 | Right Angle..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 64 |
| 349 | Setting Sun..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 6 | .. | 1 | 3 | 43 |
| 350 | Prospect..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 29 |
| 351 | Standard..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 60 |
| 352 | Blazing Star..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 |
| 353 | Adelphi..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 67 |
| 354 | Canby..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 34 |
| 355 | Myrtle..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 94 |
| 356 | Delta..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 7 | 8 | .. | .. | 1 | 59 |
| 357 | Junction..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | .. | 2 | 48 |
| 358 | Eleusis..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 26 |
| 360 | Mountain..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 33 |
| 362 | Altar..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 43 |
| 364 | Fidelitas..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| 365 | Orient..... | Second Monday in each month. | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 46 |
| 366 | Radiant..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 7 | 8 | 2 | .. | 1 | 100 |
| 368 | Marble..... | First Saturday in each month... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 23 |
| 369 | Haggai..... | Wednesday on or after ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 48 |
| 370 | Home..... | Second Thursday in each month | 16 | 17 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 266 |
| 371 | Silentia..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 68 |
| 372 | Advance..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 59 |
| 373 | Centennial..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 47 |
| 374 | Hebron..... | First Thursday in each month.. | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | .. | 2 | 129 |
| 375 | Remembrance..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 43 |
| 376 | Mistletoe..... | Third Friday in each month.... | 10 | 10 | 11 | 3 | .. | 5 | 106 |
| 377 | Kane..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 9 | 1 | .. | 2 | 120 |
| 378 | Humanity..... | Thursday on or after ☉..... | 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 | .. | 3 | 95 |
| 379 | Friendship..... | Tuesday before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 94 |
| 380 | Obedience..... | Tuesday before ☉..... | 32 | 28 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 151 |
| 381 | Wapsinonoc..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 9 | 9 | .. | .. | 2 | 96 |
| 382 | Frontier..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 384 | Morning Light.... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 83 |
| 386 | Crusade..... | Monday after ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | 1 | 2 | 94 |
| 387 | Due Guard..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 12 | 10 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | 40 |
| 388 | Central..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 32 |
| 389 | Riverside..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 118 |
| 390 | Lake..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 53 |
| 391 | Stellapolis..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 92 |
| 392 | Veritas..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 10 | 10 | 2 | .. | 3 | 98 |
| 393 | Ascalon..... | First Monday on or before ☉.. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 49 |
| 394 | Coin..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 53 |
| 395 | Lookout..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 4 | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 64 |
| 396 | Surprise..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 1 | 2 | 71 |
| 398 | Wheeler..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 83 |
| 399 | Earneſt..... | Third Monday of each month.. | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 81 |
| 400 | Silver Light..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 33 |
| 401 | Charter Oak..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 52 |
| 402 | Golden Gate..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 61 |
| 404 | Quarry..... | First Monday on or before ☉.... | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | 68 |
| 405 | Emmanuel..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 19 |
| 406 | Border..... | Fourth Tuesday in each month | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | 2 | 73 |
| 407 | King David..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | 4 | 65 |
| 408 | Pomegranate..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 62 |
| 409 | Milan..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 27 |
| 410 | Vernon..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 1 | 3 | 31 |
| 411 | Temperance..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 41 |
| 412 | Cass..... | Second Tuesday in each month. | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | .. | 4 | 79 |
| 413 | Celestial..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| 414 | Good Shepherd... | Friday after ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 62 |
| 415 | Ruby..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 53 |
| 417 | Opal..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 25 |
| 419 | Onyx..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | 1 | 76 |
| 420 | Chrysolite..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 7 | 2 | .. | .. | 93 |
| 421 | Beryl..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | .. | 1 | 14 |
| 422 | Diamond..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 6 | .. | .. | 1 | 51 |
| 423 | Agate..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | .. | 1 | 2 | 58 |
| 424 | Jasper..... | Second Monday in each month.. | 4 | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 48 |
| 425 | Carnelian..... | Friday on or after ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | 49 |

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES—CONTINUED.

| No. | NAME OF LODGE. | TIME OF STATED MEETING. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Admitted | Reinstat'd | Demitted | No. of Memb'rs. |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| 426 | Pearl..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | 29 |
| 427 | Sapphire..... | Second Wednesday in each mo.. | 7 | 7 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | 32 |
| 428 | Royal..... | First Tuesday in each Month.... | 4 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 46 |
| 429 | Gem..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 8 | 8 | 1 | .. | 2 | 51 |
| 430 | Coral..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 73 |
| 431 | Darius..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 6 | 4 | .. | .. | 3 | 54 |
| 432 | Symbol..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 61 |
| 434 | Freedom..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 68 |
| 435 | Zealous..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 46 |
| 436 | Olivet..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 6 | 8 | 1 | .. | 3 | 54 |
| 437 | Banner..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | 34 |
| 438 | Topaz..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 38 |
| 439 | Crown..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 61 |
| 440 | Stella..... | First Thursday of each month.. | 11 | 11 | 11 | 1 | .. | 3 | 129 |
| 441 | Guardian..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 59 |
| 442 | Formal..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 51 |
| 443 | Jacinth..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 24 |
| 444 | Sardius..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. | 2 | 39 |
| 445 | Stainless..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 5 | .. | 1 | 2 | 50 |
| 446 | Perseverance..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | 2 | 96 |
| 447 | North Star..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 142 |
| 448 | Faithful..... | First Saturday on or before ☉.. | 9 | 8 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 62 |
| 449 | Beulah..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 64 |
| 450 | Manual..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | 1 | 62 |
| 451 | Benevolent..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 36 |
| 452 | Tabernacle..... | Second Wednesday in month... | 6 | 6 | 6 | .. | 2 | .. | 52 |
| 453 | Covenant..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 454 | Peaceful... | Second Tuesday in each month.. | 6 | 6 | 5 | 2 | .. | 1 | 77 |
| 455 | Herald..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 72 |
| 456 | Dale..... | Second Thursday of each month | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 96 |
| 457 | Acme..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 6 | 7 | .. | .. | 3 | 65 |
| 458 | Noble..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | 58 |
| 459 | Sunlight..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | .. | 1 | 51 |
| 461 | Apollo..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 45 |
| 462 | St. Elmo..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 51 |
| 463 | Seba..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 84 |
| 464 | Bower..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 10 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | 152 |
| 465 | Elmo..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 36 |
| 466 | Eden..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 42 |
| 467 | Pilot..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 70 |
| 468 | Republic..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 1 | 76 |
| 469 | Pacific..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 7 | 7 | 1 | .. | 1 | 51 |
| 470 | Cosmos..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 74 |
| 471 | Alpine..... | Tuesday on or after ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | 52 |
| 472 | Beaver..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 7 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | 83 |
| 473 | Mutual..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 45 |
| 474 | Burning Bush.... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 8 | 9 | 2 | .. | 1 | 78 |
| 475 | Solar..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 9 | 8 | .. | .. | 4 | 37 |
| 476 | Sunbeam..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 13 | 13 | 8 | .. | 8 | 2 | 49 |
| 477 | Sioux..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 29 |
| 478 | Twin Lakes..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 5 | 3 | .. | 2 | 3 | 94 |
| 479 | Triumph..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 58 |
| 480 | New Hope..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 82 |
| 481 | Agemo..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 36 |
| 482 | Gloaming..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .. | 2 | 66 |
| 483 | Ivy..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 485 | Garfield..... | First Tuesday in each month... | 13 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 98 |
| 487 | Highland..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 35 |
| 488 | Arion..... | First Monday of each month.... | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 39 |
| 490 | Craftsman..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 25 |
| 491 | Black Oak..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 36 |
| 492 | Grove..... | First Monday in each month... | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 41 |
| 493 | Summit..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 52 |
| 495 | Beacon..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | .. | 1 | 80 |
| 496 | Rising Star..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | .. | 2 | 76 |
| 497 | Phoenix..... | First Monday on or before ☉... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 52 |
| 498 | Vulcan..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 8 | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | 37 |
| 499 | Fulton..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 1 | 47 |
| 500 | Rob Morris..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 57 |
| 501 | Mt. Hope..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | .. | 1 | 55 |

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| No. | NAME OF LODGE. | TIME OF STATED MEETING. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Admitted | Reinsta'd | Demitted | No. of Memb'rs. |
|-----|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 502 | Attica | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 | .. | .. | 57 |
| 503 | Progressive..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 44 |
| 504 | Prosperity.. | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | 79 |
| 505 | Astor..... | Second Monday of each month. | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | .. | 4 | 130 |
| 506 | Rose..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 4 | 4 | .. | 2 | 3 | 37 |
| 507 | Sylvan..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 8 | 1 | .. | 4 | 108 |
| 508 | Tyrian..... | Second Thursday of each mo.. | 22 | 20 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 366 |
| 509 | Adelphic..... | First Tuesday of each month... | 8 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 139 |
| 510 | Sunnyside..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 52 |
| 511 | Waterfall..... | Third Monday in each month.. | 4 | 4 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 50 |
| 512 | Golden Rod..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 16 | 14 | 15 | 1 | .. | 2 | 82 |
| 513 | Fervent..... | First Wednesday on or before ☉ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | 37 |
| 514 | Templar..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 4 | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 54 |
| 515 | Comfort..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 17 | 13 | 14 | .. | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| 516 | Victoria..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 49 |
| 517 | Laurel..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 60 |
| 518 | Silver Leaf..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 50 |
| 519 | Grace..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | 4 | 54 |
| 520 | Unit..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 48 |
| 521 | Little Sioux..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 86 |
| 522 | Crest City..... | First Friday of each month.... | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 177 |
| 523 | Mecca..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 2 | 58 |
| 524 | Firm..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 33 |
| 525 | Silver Cord..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 9 | 8 | 2 | .. | 1 | 64 |
| 526 | Perfect Square.... | First Friday of each month. ... | 6 | 6 | 8 | .. | 1 | 1 | 70 |
| 527 | Silver Lake..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28 |
| 528 | Maple Leaf | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 41 |
| 529 | Active..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | 50 |
| 530 | Tennyson..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| 531 | Oak..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | 18 | 57 |
| 532 | Trial..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 |
| 533 | Emmet | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 6 | 8 | .. | 1 | 1 | 70 |
| 535 | Abner..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. | 1 | 47 |
| 536 | Welcome..... | Thursday after ☉..... | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | .. | 6 | 62 |
| 537 | Floyd..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 42 |
| 538 | Viona..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 20 |
| 539 | Cypress..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | .. | 1 | 58 |
| 540 | Kossuth..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 5 | 65 |
| 541 | Belmont..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | .. | 1 | 48 |
| 542 | Windsor..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 12 | 11 | 11 | .. | 1 | 4 | 38 |
| 543 | Live Oak..... | First Monday in each month.. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 4 | 32 |
| 544 | Acmode | Second Monday of each mo.... | 5 | 7 | 8 | .. | .. | 2 | 40 |
| 545 | Federal..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 24 |
| 546 | Byron..... | First Friday in each month.... | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 46 |
| 547 | Alamo..... | Wednesday on or before ☉.... | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .. | .. | 41 |
| 548 | Trojan..... | Second Friday of each month.. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 64 |
| 549 | Fellowship..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 68 |
| 550 | Cerulean | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. | 2 | 42 |
| 551 | Julien | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 50 |
| 552 | Larch..... | Second Monday of each mo. ... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 35 |
| 553 | Paradise..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 44 |
| 554 | Pyramid..... | Wednesday before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19 |
| 555 | Circle..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 4 | 5 | .. | 1 | 1 | 39 |
| 556 | Harbor..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 8 | 8 | 1 | .. | 1 | 55 |
| 557 | Granite..... | First Tuesday of each month... | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 26 |
| 558 | Fern..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 10 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 1 | .. | 74 |
| 559 | Morro..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 47 |
| 560 | Columbian..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | 25 |
| 561 | Full Moon..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 44 |
| 562 | Weston | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 15 | 13 | 17 | .. | .. | 1 | 52 |
| 563 | Meteor..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 24 |
| 564 | Roman..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 48 |
| 565 | Mishna..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 11 | 9 | 8 | 3 | .. | 4 | 57 |
| 566 | Maple..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 567 | Cement..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 28 |
| 568 | Madison..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 82 |
| 569 | Amber..... | Saturday on or after ☉..... | 6 | 7 | 7 | .. | .. | 2 | 52 |
| 570 | Nain..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 43 |
| 571 | Fayette..... | Wednesday on or before ☉.... | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 34 |
| 572 | Palm..... | Third Tuesday in each month.. | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 39 |

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|-----|------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| 573 | Hazel..... | Saturday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 38 |
| 574 | Benj. Franklin.. | Last Friday on or before ☉. ... | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 54 |
| 575 | Center..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 9 | 8 | 1 | .. | .. | 43 |
| 576 | Kohinoor..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 4 | 5 | .. | .. | 2 | 45 |
| 577 | Gnemeth..... | First Tuesday in each month.... | 10 | 8 | 10 | 1 | .. | 3 | 61 |
| 578 | Ally | Monday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 29 |
| 579 | Mural..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 43 |
| 580 | Bethshan..... | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 34 |
| 581 | Zenith | First Tuesday on or before ☉.... | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 29 |
| 582 | Volunteer | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | .. | 1 | 58 |
| 583 | Mysteria. | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 37 |
| 584 | Integrity | First Wednesday in each month. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 44 |
| 585 | Ensign | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 9 | 9 | 10 | 1 | .. | 4 | 37 |
| 586 | Elk | Friday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | .. | 2 | 38 |
| 587 | Universal | First Thursday in each month... | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 43 |
| 588 | Walnut..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 6 | 7 | .. | .. | 2 | 64 |
| 589 | Fountain City.. | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 38 |
| 590 | Iroquois..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 5 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. | 1 | 42 |
| 591 | Amaranth..... | Friday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 19 |
| 592 | Auburn..... | Second Friday in each month... | 2 | 4 | 7 | 2 | .. | 1 | 47 |
| 593 | Holman..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 32 |
| 594 | Solomon | Third Friday in each month | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 31 |
| 595 | Golden Leaf.... | Monday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 10 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | 50 |
| 596 | Waveland | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | 24 |
| 597 | Nekoda..... | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 4 | 27 |
| 598 | Loyalty | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 2 | .. | 8 | .. | .. | 2 | 34 |
| 599 | Rock River..... | Monday on or before ☉..... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | 14 |
| 600 | Imperial | Thursday on or before ☉..... | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 25 |
| 601 | Acorn | Wednesday on or before ☉..... | 6 | 9 | 8 | 2 | .. | 1 | 30 |
| 602 | Alhambra..... | Tuesday on or before ☉..... | 8 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | 1 | 20 |
| 603 | Cyprian | Second Thursday in each month. | 3 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 24 |
| | | | 2720 | 2753 | 2766 | 645 | 240 | 1104 | 41075 |

III. RECAPITULATION.

REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE, JUNE, 1909.

| | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 1 | Lodges enrolled | 603 |
| 2 | Lodges extinct | 88 |
| 3 | Lodges working | 515 |
| 4 | Lodges organized by dispensation..... | 3 |
| 5 | Lodges chartered at present communication..... | 3 |
| 6 | Lodges under dispensation at present time..... | 0 |
| 7 | Lodges represented at present communication..... | 451 |
| 8 | Lodges represented by proxy exclusively..... | 88 |
| 9 | Total attendance upon Grand Lodge..... | 703 |
| 10 | Lodges to make returns..... | 515 |
| 11 | Initiated | 2,720 |
| 12 | Passed | 2,753 |
| 13 | Raised | 2,766 |
| 14 | Admitted | 645 |
| 15 | Reinstated | 240 |
| 16 | Extra increase | 114 |
| 17 | Total increase of members..... | 3,765 |
| 18 | Demitted | 1,104 |
| 19 | Died | 611 |
| 20 | Suspended for unmasonic conduct..... | 4 |
| 21 | Suspended for non-payment of dues..... | 427 |
| 22 | Expelled | 12 |
| 23 | Extra decrease | 36 |
| 24 | Total decrease of members..... | 2,194 |
| 25 | Net increase of members..... | 1,571 |
| 26 | Members January 1st | 41,075 |
| 27 | Grand Lodge receipts | \$35,983.22 |
| 28 | Transferred to Grand Charity Fund..... | 4,482.00 |
| 29 | Additional payments Grand Charity Fund..... | 6,200.00 |
| 30 | Total amount appropriations for 1909..... | 38,268.38 |

IV. MEMORANDA OF LODGE CHANGES.

EXTINCT LODGES. (88).

Nos. 7, 9, 19, 20, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39, 41, 47, 54, 57, 64, 68, 75, 76, 82, 84, 85, 88, 89, 92, 97, 98, 101, 132, 133, 134, 143, 146, 157, 161, 166, 171, 177, 180, 186, 196, 207, 209, 220, 224, 243, 246, 247, 257, 265, 267, 272, 278, 279, 282, 288, 291, 295, 296, 298, 302, 305, 306, 310, 314, 327, 328, 337, 339, 345, 346, 359, 361, 363, 367, 383, 385, 397, 403, 416, 418, 433, 460, 484, 486, 489, 494, 534.

NUMERICALLY ARRANGED. A.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Year. | Remarks. |
|-----|----------------|-------|--|
| 7 | Hiram | 1888 | Charter surrendered |
| 9 | Farmington . | 1851 | Charter revoked |
| 19 | St. John's ... | 1855 | Charter revoked |
| 20 | Burlington ... | 1893 | Consolidated with Des Moines Lodge, No. 1. |
| 23 | Grand View . | 1862 | Charter revoked |
| 30 | Hawkeye | 1901 | Consolidated with Iowa Lodge, No. 2..... |
| 31 | Zion | 1880 | Consolidated with Iowa City Lodge, No. 4.. |
| 32 | Hogin | 1862 | Charter surrendered |
| 33 | Winchester .. | 1890 | Charter surrendered |
| 35 | Kirkville | 1862 | Charter surrendered |
| 39 | Union | 1858 | Charter revoked |
| 41 | Liberty | 1863 | Charter surrendered |
| 47 | Bentonsport . | 1897 | Charter surrendered |
| 54 | Seever's | 1862 | Consolidated with Tri Luminar Lodge, No. 18 |
| 57 | Tuscan | 1862 | Charter surrendered |
| 64 | Brighton | 1880 | Charter surrendered |
| 68 | Glasgow | 1905 | Charter surrendered |
| 75 | West Point... | 1884 | Charter surrendered |
| 76 | Albia | 1886 | Charter surrendered |
| 82 | Homer | 1864 | Charter revoked |
| 84 | Epworth | 1892 | Charter surrendered |
| 85 | Parvin | 1860 | Charter surrendered |
| 88 | Monroe | 1860 | Charter surrendered |
| 89 | Eureka | 1860 | Charter revoked |
| 92 | Delhi | 1862 | Charter surrendered |
| 97 | Marietta | 1862 | Charter surrendered |
| 98 | Decorah | 1861 | Charter revoked |
| 101 | Capital | 1857 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Nebraska... |
| 132 | Orion | 1903 | Charter surrendered |
| 133 | Bellaire | 1885 | Consolidated with Jackson Lodge, No. 42... |
| 134 | Harmony | 1890 | Charter surrendered |
| 143 | Palestine | 1865 | Charter revoked |
| 146 | Talleyrand .. | 1905 | Charter surrendered |
| 157 | Adams | 1877 | Charter surrendered |
| 161 | Key City | 1864 | Consolidated with Dubuque Lodge, No. 3... |
| 166 | St. John's.... | 1875 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota..... |
| 171 | Doric | 1882 | Charter surrendered |
| 177 | Euclid | 1888 | Charter surrendered |
| 180 | Pythagoras .. | 1886 | Consolidated with Webb Lodge, No. 182.... |
| 186 | Amity | 1874 | Consolidated with Tri Luminar Lodge, No. 18 |
| 196 | Mystic Tie... | 1877 | Charter revoked |
| 207 | Xenium | 1903 | Consolidated with Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 8. |

EXTINCT LODGES — CONTINUED.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Year. | Remarks. |
|-----|----------------|-------|--|
| 209 | Composite ... | 1874 | Charter surrendered |
| 220 | Yosemite | 1883 | Charter surrendered |
| 224 | Cassia | 1896 | Charter surrendered |
| 243 | Concord | 1881 | Charter surrendered |
| 246 | Good Will ... | 1903 | Charter surrendered |
| 247 | Shiloh | 1886 | Charter revoked |
| 257 | Incense | 1875 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota..... |
| 265 | Cedar Beam.. | 1882 | Consolidated with Bradford Lodge, No. 129. |
| 267 | Palmyra | 1871 | Charter surrendered |
| 272 | Landmark ... | 1876 | Consolidated with Sioux City Lodge, No. 103, under name of Landmark Lodge, No. 103. |
| 278 | Bethlehem ... | 1883 | Charter surrendered |
| 279 | Mount Shade | 1900 | Charter surrendered |
| 282 | Devotion | 1886 | Charter surrendered |
| 288 | Elk Point ... | 1875 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota..... |
| 291 | Archimedes .. | 1875 | Charter revoked |
| 295 | Mt. Carmel... | 1886 | Charter surrendered |
| 296 | Victory | 1879 | Consolidated with Waterloo Lodge, No. 105. |
| 298 | Hermitage ... | 1901 | Consolidated with Helion Lodge, No. 36..... |
| 302 | Bunker Hill . | 1891 | Charter revoked |
| 305 | Rural | 1881 | Charter surrendered |
| 306 | Sublime | 1886 | Charter surrendered |
| 310 | Globe | 1900 | Charter surrendered |
| 314 | Mt. Lebanon.. | 1880 | Charter surrendered |
| 327 | Omega | 1885 | Charter surrendered |
| 328 | Minnehaha .. | 1875 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota..... |
| 337 | Confidence ... | 1884 | Consolidated with Bellevue Lodge, No. 51... |
| 339 | Winona | 1905 | Charter surrendered |
| 345 | Silver Star... | 1875 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota..... |
| 346 | Mt. Zion | 1875 | Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota..... |
| 359 | Tradition | 1885 | Charter surrendered |
| 361 | St. Paul's ... | 1889 | Consolidated with Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 79.. |
| 363 | St. Albans ... | 1899 | Charter surrendered |
| 367 | Etna | 1888 | Charter surrendered |
| 383 | De Molay | 1894 | Consolidated with Marion Lodge, No. 6..... |
| 385 | Wayfaring ... | 1881 | Charter revoked |
| 397 | Leighton | 1900 | Charter surrendered |
| 403 | Venus | 1899 | Charter surrendered |
| 416 | Garnet | 1890 | Charter surrendered |
| 418 | Amethyst | 1886 | Charter surrendered |
| 433 | Brilliant | 1891 | Charter revoked by Grand Lodge..... |
| 460 | Ivanhoe | 1888 | Consolidated with Ashlar Lodge, No. 111... |
| 484 | Atlas | 1908 | Charter surrendered |
| 486 | Iowa Valley.. | 1904 | Consolidated with Marshall Lodge, No. 108.. |
| 489 | Loyal | 1893 | Consolidated with Dale Lodge, No. 456..... |
| 494 | Pilgrim | 1896 | Charter surrendered |
| 534 | Mystic | 1895 | Charter surrendered |

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED. B.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adams | 157 | Quincy | Adams |
| Albia | 76 | Albia | Monroe |
| Amethyst | 418 | Nevinville | Adams |
| Amity | 186 | Oskaloosa | Mahaska |
| Archimedes | 291 | Baden | Keokuk |
| Atlas..... | 484 | Cumberland | Cass..... |
| Bellaire | 133 | Numa | Appanoose |
| Bentonsport | 47 | Bentonsport | Van Buren |
| Bethlehem | 278 | New York | Wayne |
| Brighton | 64 | Brighton | Washington |
| Brilliant | 433 | Creston | Union |
| Bunker Hill | 302 | Creston | Union |
| Burlington | 20 | Burlington | Des Moines |
| Capital | 101 | Omaha | Douglas, <i>Nebraska</i> |
| Cassia | 224 | Farley | Dubuque |
| Cedar Beam | 265 | Nashua | Chickasaw |
| Composite | 209 | Boone | Boone |
| Concord | 243 | St. Ansgar | Mitchell |
| Confidence | 337 | La Motte | Jackson |
| Decorah | 98 | Decorah | Winneshiek |
| Delhi | 92 | Delhi | Delaware |
| De Molay | 383 | Marion | Linn |
| Devotion | 282 | Denison | Crawford |
| Doric | 171 | Morning Sun | Louisa |
| Elk Point | 288 | Elk Point | Union, <i>Dakota</i> |
| Epworth | 84 | Epworth | Dubuque |
| Etna | 367 | Mt. Etna | Adams |
| Euclid | 177 | Clarence | Cedar |
| Eureka | 89 | Iowaville | Van Buren |
| Farmington | 9 | Farmington | Van Buren |
| Garnet | 416 | Caledonia | Ringgold |
| Glasgow | 68 | Glasgow | Jefferson |
| Globe | 310 | Union | Hardin |
| Good Will..... | 246 | Bassett | Chickasaw |
| Grand View | 23 | Grand View | Louisa |
| Harmony | 134 | Mitchell | Mitchell |
| Hawkeye | 30 | Muscatine | Muscatine |
| Hermitage | 298 | Andrew | Jackson |
| Hiram | 7 | Augusta | Des Moines |
| Hogin | 32 | Sigourney | Keokuk |
| Homer | 82 | Webster City | Hamilton |
| Incense | 257 | Vermillion | Clay, <i>Dakota</i> |
| Iowa Valley | 486 | Marshalltown | Marshall |
| Ivanhoe | 460 | Lehi | Webster |
| Key City | 161 | Dubuque | Dubuque |
| Kirkville | 35 | Fremont | Mahaska |
| Landmark | 272 | Sioux City | Woodbury |
| Leighton | 397 | Beacon | Mahaska |
| Liberty | 41 | Libertyville | Jefferson |
| Loyal | 489 | Hawarden | Sioux |
| Marietta | 97 | Marietta | Marshall |
| Minnehaha | 328 | Sioux Falls | Minnehaha, <i>Dakota</i> |
| Monroe | 88 | Monroe | Jasper |
| Mt. Carmel | 295 | Derby | Lucas..... |

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mt. Lebanon | 314 | Tabor | Fremont |
| Mt. Zion | 346 | Springfield | Bon Homme, <i>Dakota</i> . . . |
| Mountain Shade.. | 279 | Volga City | Clayton |
| Mystic | 534 | Ute | Monona |
| Mystic Tie | 196 | Prairie Grove | Clarke |
| Omega | 327 | Riverton | Fremont |
| Orion | 132 | Dyersville | Dubuque |
| Palestine | 143 | Millersburg | Iowa |
| Palmyra | 267 | Palmyra | Warren |
| Parvin | 85 | Rossville | Allamakee |
| Pilgrim | 494 | Rock Valley | Sioux |
| Pythagoras | 180 | Lancaster | Keokuk |
| Rural | 305 | Ladora | Iowa |
| Seevers | 54 | Oskaloosa | Mahaska |
| Shiloh | 247 | Winthrop | Buchanan |
| Silver Star | 345 | Canton | Lincoln, <i>Dakota</i> |
| St. Albans | 363 | Earlham | Madison |
| St. John's | 19 | Lyons | Clinton |
| St. John's | 166 | Yankton | Yankton, <i>Dakota</i> |
| St. Paul's | 361 | Boone | Boone |
| Sublime | 306 | Staceyville | Mitchell |
| Talleyrand | 146 | Talleyrand | Keokuk |
| Tradition | 359 | Riverside | Washington |
| Tuscan | 57 | Davenport | Scott |
| Union | 39 | Sabula | Jackson |
| Venus | 403 | Macksburg | Madison |
| Victory | 296 | Waterloo | Blackhawk |
| Wayfaring | 385 | Solon | Johnson |
| West Point | 75 | West Point | Lee |
| Winchester | 33 | Winchester | Van Buren |
| Winona | 339 | Pitzer | Madison |
| Xenium | 207 | Mt. Pleasant | Henry |
| Yosemite | 220 | Dale City | Guthrie |
| Zion | 31 | Iowa City | Johnson |

NAMES OF LODGES CHANGED (18). C.

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Present Name.</i> | <i>Former Name.</i> | <i>Date of Change.</i> |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Des Moines | Burlington | 1844, Oct., by G. L. Mo. |
| 13 | Claypoole | Ft. Madison | 1857 |
| 25 | Crescent | Cedar Rapids | 1864 |
| 30 | <i>Hawkeye</i> | Humphreys | 1854, Con., 1901, No. 2.. |
| 41 | <i>Liberty</i> | Libertyville | 1854, Surrendered, 1863. |
| 42 | Jackson | Centerville | 1854 |
| 48 | Danville | Lowell | 1859 |
| 50 | Aurora | Mt. Sterling | 1860 |
| | | Niles | 1867 |
| 79 | Mt. Olive | Boonesboro | 1858 |

NAMES OF LODGES CHANGED (18). C.—CONTINUED.

| No. | Present Name. | Former Name. | Date of Change. |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 86 | Jefferson | Drakeville | 1856 |
| 89 | Eureka | Iowaville | 1856, Surrendered, 1860. |
| 93 | Lyons | Eureka | 1857 |
| 103 | Landmark | Sioux City | 1876, 103 and 272 con... |
| 120 | Adoniram | Marshall | 1858 |
| 136 | Joppa | Sanford | 1859 |
| 150 | Cresco | New Oregon | 1869 |
| 152 | Inter-Ocean | Newbern | 1882 |
| 182 | Webb | Blazing Star | 1866 |

NAMES OF POSTOFFICES CHANGED (10). D.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Present Name of Postoffice. | Former Name of Postoffice. | Date |
|-----|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| 113 | Polar Star | Montour | Indian Town | 1874 |
| 185 | Tyre | Columbia | Gosport | 1874 |
| 189 | Emblem | Pleasanton | Pleasant Plain ... | 1874 |
| 200 | Anc. Landmark .. | Olin | Walnut Fork | 1874 |
| 202 | York | Arlington | Brush Creek | 1895 |
| 241 | Kedron | Geneva | Marysville | 1874 |
| 335 | Ark | Oakland | Center | 1877 |
| 362 | Altar | Urbana | Marysville | 1877 |
| 373 | Centennial | Grant | Millford | 1878 |
| 413 | Celestial | Douds | Douds Station ... | 1885 |

LOCATION OF LODGES CHANGED (58). E.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Present Location. | Former Location. | Date |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------|
| 35 | Kirkville* | Fremont | Kirkville | 1858 |
| 48 | Danville | Danville | Lowell | 1859 |
| 50 | Aurora | Milton | Mt. Sterling | 1860 |
| | | | Niles | 1867 |
| 66 | Union Band | Frankville | Moneek | 1860 |
| 81 | Benton | Shellsburg† | Benton City | 1860 |
| 82 | Homer‡ | Webster City | Homer | 1861 |
| 96 | Richmond | Kalona | Richmond | 1886 |
| 107 | Columbus City.... | Columbus Junc... | Columbus City ... | 1877 |
| 113 | Polar Star | Le Grand | Indian Town | 1866 |
| | | | Oxford | 1867 |
| | | | Montour | 1873 |
| 115 | Star | Madrid | Swede Point ..... | .... |
| 120 | Adoniram | Wayland | Marshall | 1880 |
| 129 | Bradford | Nashua | Bradford | 1882 |

*Surrendered.

†Name of Town only changed.

‡Revoked 1864.

LOCATION OF LODGES CHANGED (58). E.—CONTINUED.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Present Location. | Former Location. | Date |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------|
| 134 | Harmony* | Mitchell | West Mitchell ... | 1886 |
| 142 | Vienna | Center Point | Maysville | 1863 |
| 145 | Benevolence | Mason City | Mason City | 1862 |
| | | | Clear Creek | 1866 |
| 149 | Dayton | Wellman | Daytonville ..... | .... |
| 150 | Cresco | Cresco | New Oregon | 1869 |
| 152 | Newbern† | Lacona | Newbern | 1880 |
| 163 | Bellefontaine | Tracy' | Bellefontaine | 1876 |
| 164 | St. Clair | Norway | Florence ..... | .... |
| 168 | Farmers | Kinross | Foote | 1901 |
| 172 | National | Farmersburg | Farmersburg | 1889 |
| | | | Windsor ..... | .... |
| 187 | Rising Sun | Hopkinton | Worthington | 1874 |
| 189 | Emblem | Pleasanton | New Salem ..... | .... |
| 195 | Eastern Star | Humboldt | Dakota ..... | .... |
| 201 | Jeptha | Auburn | Grant City | 1889 |
| 202 | York | Arlington | Brush Creek | 1874 |
| 209 | Composite* | Boone† | Montana | 1866 |
| 211 | Relief | Riceville | Riceville | 1869 |
| | | | Brownville | 1878 |
| 212 | Unity | Woodburn | Ottawa | 1879 |
| 214 | Howard | Lime Springs.... | Lime Springs Sta. | 1870 |
| 215 | Concordia | Thayer | Hopeville | 1886 |
| 226 | Progress | Mediapolis | Kossuth | 1874 |
| 228 | Fidelity | Humeston | Smyrna | 1880 |
| 229 | Gavel | Attica | Marysville | 1894 |
| 230 | Justice | Ollie | Ioka | 1892 |
| 233 | Champion | Spring Hill..... | Norwalk | 1892 |
| 242 | Universe | What Cheer | Coal Creek | 1878 |
| 246 | Good Will*..... | Bassett | Chickasaw | 1877 |
| 256 | Fortitude | Van Meter | De Soto | 1880 |
| 260 | Industry | Rose Hill | Springfield | 1874 |
| 277 | Perfect Union | Thornburg | Deep River | 1884 |
| 278 | Bethlehem* | New York | Bethlehem | 1880 |
| 295 | Mt. Carmel*..... | Derby | Freedom | 1877 |
| 316 | Cope-Stone | Calmar | Fort Atkinson ... | 1877 |
| 320 | Bethany | Blockton | Platteville ..... | .... |
| 339 | Winona*..... | Pitzer | Middle River | 1893 |
| 341 | Mersail | Thurman | Fremont City .... | .... |
| 347 | Abiff | Sutherland | Primghar | 1884 |
| 350 | Prospect | Quasqueton | Cono | 1878 |
| 410 | Vernon | Promise City | Confidence | 1889 |
| 427 | Sapphire | Hull | Pattersonville .... | .... |
| 436 | Olivet | Gladbrook | Gladbrook | 1893 |
| | | | Beaman | 1899 |
| 437 | Banner | Grand River | Tingley | 1885 |
| | | | Wirt ..... | .... |
| 439 | Crown | Randolph | Imogene | 1888 |
| 456 | Dale | Hawarden | Calliope ..... | .... |
| 465 | Elmo | Rippey | Angus | 1894 |
| 576 | Kohinoor | Story City | Roland | 1905 |

*Surrendered.

†Name of Town only changed.

‡Now Inter-Ocean.

CHARTERS RESTORED (12). F.

- No. 36, HELION.—Arrested by Grand Master, May, 1885; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1885.
- No. 48, LOWELL.—Surrendered, June, 1857; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1859; removed to Danville, and name changed to Danville, 1859.
- No. 56, BIRMINGHAM.—Surrendered, June, 1865; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1866.
- No. 99, NEVADA.—Arrested by Grand Master, November 21, 1891; restored by Grand Lodge, March 7, 1892.
- No. 134, HARMONY.—Surrendered, 1859; restored by Grand Lodge, November 25, 1868. Surrendered second time, 1890.
- No. 153, NISHNABOTANY.—Arrested by the Grand Master, and unanimously confirmed, June, 1879; restored by Grand Lodge at same session.
- No. 214, HOWARD.—Arrested November 13, 1877, by the Grand Master, and his action unanimously sustained; restored by the Grand Lodge, June 6, 1878.
- No. 246, GOOD WILL.—Charter arrested by the Grand Master, July 8, 1878; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1879. Surrendered second time, 1903.
- No. 302, BUNKER HILL.—Arrested by Grand Master, February, 1888; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1888; again arrested, March 17, 1891, by the Grand Master; *revoked* by the Grand Lodge second time, June 3, 1891.
- No. 317, SINCERITY.—Arrested by Grand Master, May, 1885; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1885.
- No. 415, RUBY.—Arrested by Grand Master, September, 1889; restored by Grand Lodge, June 4, 1890.
- No. 461, APOLLO.—Arrested by Grand Master, February, 1888; restored by Grand Lodge, June, 1888.

V. LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES.

Total number of Lodges, 606; Extinct, in *italics*, 88.

| Name of Lodge. | No. | Town. | County. |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------------|
| A. | | | |
| Abiff | 347 | Sutherland | O'Brien |
| Abingdon | 104 | Abingdon | Jefferson |
| Abner | 535 | Lone Tree | Johnson |
| Acacia | 176 | Webster City | Hamilton |
| Acme | 457 | Schaller | Sac |
| Acmode | 544 | Modale | Harrison |
| Acorn | 601 | Stratford..... | Hamilton..... |
| Active | 529 | Linden | Dallas |
| Adams | 157 | Quincy | Adams |
| Adel | 80 | Adel | Dallas |
| Adelphi | 353 | Keota | Keokuk |
| Adelphic | 509 | Des Moines | Polk |
| Adoniram | 120 | Wayland | Henry |
| Advance | 372 | Allerton | Wayne |
| Afton | 151 | Afton | Union |
| Agate | 423 | Neola | Pottawattamie |
| Agemo | 481 | Riverton | Fremont |
| Alamo | 547 | Williams | Hamilton |
| Albia | 76 | Albia | Monroe |
| Alhambra | 602 | Union..... | Hardin..... |
| Ally | 578 | Dow City | Crawford |
| Alpha | 326 | Green | Butler |
| Alpine | 471 | Holstein | Ida |
| Altar | 362 | Urbana | Benton |
| Amaranth | 591 | De Soto | Dallas |
| Amber | 569 | Quick | Pottawattamie |
| Amethyst | 418 | Nevinsville | Adams |
| Amicable | 289 | Smithland | Woodbury |
| Amity | 186 | Oskaloosa | Mahaska |
| Anamosa | 46 | Anamosa | Jones |
| Anchor | 191 | Hampton | Franklin |
| Ancient Landmark | 200 | Olin | Jones |
| Antiquity | 252 | Moravia | Appanoose |
| Apollo | 461 | Cantril | Van Buren |
| Arcadia | 249 | Ames | Story |
| Arcana | 274 | New Hampton | Chickasaw |
| Archimedes | 291 | Baden | Keokuk |
| Arcturus | 237 | Ossian | Winneshiek |
| Arion | 488 | Lake Mills | Winnebago |
| Ark | 335 | Oakland | Pottawattamie |
| Ascalon | 393 | Dysart | Tama |
| Ashlar | 111 | Ft. Dodge | Webster |
| Astor | 505 | Albia | Monroe |
| Astral | 324 | Preston | Jackson |
| Atlas | 484 | Cumberland | Cass |
| Attentive Ear | 190 | Sandyville | Warren |
| Attica | 502 | Sloan | Woodbury |
| Auburn | 592 | Des Moines | Polk |
| Aurora | 50 | Milton | Van Buren |
| Avalon | 606 | Edgewood..... | Clayton..... |
| B. | | | |
| Banner | 437 | Grand River | Decatur |
| Beacon | 495 | Hartley | O'Brien |
| Beaver | 472 | New Hartford | Butler |
| Bellair | 133 | Numa | Appanoose |
| Bellefontaine | 163 | Tracy | Marion |
| Bellevue | 51 | Bellevue | Jackson |
| Belmont | 541 | Hillsboro | Henry |
| Benevolence | 145 | Mason City | Cerro Gordo |
| Benevolent | 451 | Bayard | Guthrie |
| Benj. Franklin | 574 | Lisbon | Linn |
| Benton City | 81 | Shellsburg | Benton |
| Bentonsport | 47 | Bentonsport | Van Buren |
| Beryl | 421 | Prairieburg | Linn |
| Bethany | 320 | Blockton | Taylor |

LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bethel | 319 | Garner | Hancock |
| <i>Bethlehem</i> | 278 | New York | Wayne |
| Bethshan | 580 | Churdan | Greene |
| Beulah | 449 | Adair | Adair |
| Bezer | 135 | McGregor | Clayton |
| Birmingham | 56 | Birmingham | Van Buren |
| Black Hawk | 65 | Cedar Falls | Black Hawk |
| Black Oak | 491 | Leighton | Mahaska |
| Blazing Star..... | 352 | *Haven | Tama |
| Bluff City | 71 | Council Bluffs..... | Pottawattamie |
| Bonaparte | 73 | Bonaparte | Van Buren |
| Border | 406 | Rock Rapids | Lyon |
| Bower | 464 | Eagle Grove | Wright |
| Bradford | 129 | Nashua | Chickasaw |
| <i>Brighton</i> | 64 | Brighton | Washington |
| <i>Brilliant</i> | 433 | Creston | Union |
| Broken Column | 331 | Sibley | Osceola |
| Brotherly Love | 204 | Postville | Allamakee |
| <i>Bunker Hill</i> | 302 | Creston | Union |
| <i>Burlington</i> | 20 | Burlington | Des Moines |
| Burning Bush | 474 | Correctionville | Woodbury |
| Burns | 173 | Monticello | Jones |
| Butler | 94 | Clarksville | Butler |
| Byron | 546 | Winthrop | Buchanan |
| C. | | | |
| Camanche | 60 | Camanche | Clinton |
| Canby | 354 | Cromwell | Union |
| Canopy | 290 | Oxford | Johnson |
| Capital | 110 | Des Moines | Polk |
| <i>Capital</i> | 101 | <i>Omaha, Neb.</i> | <i>Douglass</i> |
| Carnelian | 425 | Dows | Wright |
| Cascade | 127 | Cascade | Dubuque |
| Cass | 412 | Griswold | Cass |
| <i>Cassia</i> | 224 | Farley | Dubuque |
| Cedar | 11 | Tipton | Cedar |
| <i>Cedar Beam</i> | 265 | Nashua | Chickasaw |
| Celestial | 413 | Doud's | Van Buren |
| Cement | 567 | Burr Oak | Winneshiek |
| Centennial | 373 | Grant | Montgomery |
| Center | 575 | Delta | Keokuk |
| Central | 388 | Peoria | Mahaska |
| Cerulean | 550 | Anthon | Woodbury |
| Champion | 233 | Spring Hill | Warren |
| Chariton | 63 | Chariton | Lucas |
| Charity | 197 | Coon Rapids | Carroll |
| Charter Oak | 401 | Woodbine | Harrison |
| Chrysolite | 420 | Logan | Harrison |
| Circle | 555 | Prescott | Adams |
| Clay | 193 | Lewisburg | Wayne |
| Claypoole | 13 | Ft. Madison | Lee |
| Clayton | 70 | Monona | Clayton |
| Clermont | 160 | Clermont | Fayette |
| Clinton | 15 | Fairfield | Jefferson |
| Coin | 394 | Reinbeck | Grundy |
| Columbia | 292 | Colo | Story |
| Columbian | 560 | Everly | Clay |
| Columbus City | 107 | Columbus Junction.. | Louisa |
| Comfort | 515 | Massena | Cass |
| Compass | 239 | Parkersburg | Butler |
| <i>Composite</i> | 209 | Boone | Boone |
| <i>Concord</i> | 243 | St. Ansgar | Mitchell |
| Concordia | 215 | Thayer | Union |
| <i>Confidence</i> | 337 | La Motte | Jackson |
| Constellation | 67 | Colesburg | Delaware |
| Cope-Stone | 316 | Calmar | Winneshiek |
| Coral | 430 | Carson | Pottawattamie |
| Corinthian | 174 | Brooklyn | Poweshiek |
| Corner-Stone | 251 | Marble Rock | Floyd |
| Corydon | 91 | Corydon | Wayne |

*Postoffice, Tama.

LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Cosmos | 470 | Kingsley | Plymouth |
| Covenant | 453 | New Market | Taylor |
| Craftsman | 490 | Persia | Harrison |
| Crawfordsville | 45 | Crawfordsville | Washington |
| Crescent | 25 | Cedar Rapids | Linn |
| Cresco | 150 | Cresco | Howard |
| Crest City | 522 | Creston | Union |
| Crown | 439 | Randolph | Fremont |
| Crusade | 386 | Greenfield | Adair |
| Crystal | 313 | Mitchellville | Polk |
| Cypress | 539 | Orient | Adair |
| Cyprian | 603 | Miles | Jackson |
| Cyrene | 325 | Clarion | Wright |
| Cyrus | 338 | Gilman | Marshall |
| D. | | | |
| Dale | 456 | Hawarden | Sioux |
| Damascus | 268 | Albion | Marshall |
| Danville | 48 | Danville | Des Moines |
| Darius | 431 | Britt | Hancock |
| Davenport | 37 | Davenport | Scott |
| Dayton | 149 | Wellman | Washington |
| Decatur | 109 | Decatur City | Decatur |
| Decorah | 98 | Decorah | Winneshiek |
| Delhi | 92 | Delhi | Delaware |
| Delta | 356 | Dallas Center | Dallas |
| De Molay | 383 | Marion | Linn |
| DES MOINES | 1 | Burlington | Des Moines |
| Devotion | 282 | Denison | Crawford |
| De Witt | 34 | De Witt | Clinton |
| Diamond | 422 | Vail | Crawford |
| Doric | 171 | Morning Sun | Louisa |
| DUBUQUE | 3 | Dubuque | Dubuque |
| Due Guard | 387 | Danbury | Woodbury |
| E. | | | |
| Eagle | 12 | Keokuk | Lee |
| Earnest | 399 | Emmetsburg | Palo Alto |
| Eastern Star | 195 | Humboldt | Humboldt |
| Eddyville | 74 | Eddyville | Wapello |
| Eden | 466 | Rhodes | Marshall |
| Eleusis | 358 | Pulaski | Davis |
| Elk | 586 | Moorhead | Monona |
| Elkader | 72 | Elkader | Clayton |
| Elk Point | 288 | Elk Point, S. D. | Union |
| Elmo | 465 | Rippey | Greene |
| Emblem | 189 | Pleasanton | Decatur |
| Emerald | 334 | Grundy Center | Grundy |
| Emmanuel | 405 | Blanchard | Page |
| Emmet | 533 | Armstrong | Emmet |
| Empire | 269 | Ottumwa | Wapello |
| Emulation | 255 | Clinton | Clinton |
| Ensign | 585 | Jamaica | Guthrie |
| Enterprise | 332 | Sioux Rapids | Buena Vista |
| Epworth | 84 | Epworth | Dubuque |
| Equality | 262 | Steamboat Rock | Hardin |
| Equity | 131 | Janesville | Bremer |
| Escallop | 261 | Shell Rock | Butler |
| Etna | 367 | Mt. Etna | Adams |
| Euclid | 177 | Clarence | Cedar |
| Eureka | 89 | Iowaville | Van Buren |
| Evening Shade | 312 | Spencer | Clay |
| Evening Star | 43 | Winterset | Madison |
| Evergreen | 144 | Lansing | Alamakee |
| Excelsior | 259 | Council Bluffs | Pottawattamie |
| Exodus | 342 | Exira | Audubon |

LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| F. | | | |
| Fairbank | 148 | Fairbank | Buchanan |
| Fairview | 194 | Monroe | Jasper |
| Faith | 179 | Mt. Ayr | Ringgold |
| Faithful | 448 | Runnels | Polk |
| Farmers | 168 | Kinross | Keokuk |
| <i>Farmington</i> | 9 | Farmington | Van Buren |
| Fayette | 571 | Lamoni | Decatur |
| Federal | 545 | Yarmouth | Des Moines |
| Fellowship | 549 | *Frank Pierce | Johnson |
| Fern | 558 | Lorimor | Union |
| Fervent | 513 | Collins | Story |
| Fidelitas | 364 | Fairfax | Linn |
| Fidelity | 228 | Humeston | Wayne |
| Firm | 524 | Dallas | Marion |
| Floyd | 537 | Alton | Sioux |
| Fontanelle | 138 | Fontanelle | Adair |
| Formal | 442 | Kirkville | Wapello |
| Fortitude | 256 | Van Meter | Dallas |
| Fountain | 219 | Ackley | Hardin |
| Fountain City | 589 | Goldfield | Wright |
| Franklin | 14 | Bloomfield | Davis |
| Fraternal | 221 | Davenport | Scott |
| Freedom | 434 | Akron | Plymouth |
| Friendship | 379 | Farragut | Fremont |
| Frontier | 382 | Little Sioux | Harrison |
| Full Moon | 561 | Melbourne | Marshall |
| Fulton | 499 | Paullina | O'Brien |
| G. | | | |
| Garfield | 485 | Hedrick | Keokuk |
| Garnavillo | 90 | Garnavillo | Clayton |
| <i>Garnet</i> | 416 | Caledonia | Ringgold |
| Gavel | 229 | Attica | Marion |
| Gem | 429 | Paton | Greene |
| Giblem | 322 | Le Mars | Plymouth |
| <i>Glasgow</i> | 68 | Glasgow | Jefferson |
| Glenwood | 58 | Glenwood | Mills |
| Gloaming | 482 | Milford | Dickinson |
| <i>Globe</i> | 310 | Union | Hardin |
| Gnemeth | 577 | Valley Junction | Polk |
| Golden Gate | 402 | Scranton | Greene |
| Golden Leaf | 595 | Manilla | Crawford |
| Golden Rod | 512 | Deep River | Poweshiek |
| Golden Rule | 24 | Rochester | Cedar |
| Golden Sheaf | 605 | Rock Valley | Sioux |
| Good Faith | 235 | Winfield | Henry |
| Good Shepherd | 414 | Lucas | Lucas |
| <i>Good Will</i> | 246 | Bassett | Chickasaw |
| Grace | 519 | Laurens | Pocahontas |
| Grand River | 78 | Leon | Decatur |
| <i>Grandview</i> | 23 | Grandview | Louisa |
| Granite | 557 | Thornton | Cerro Gordo |
| Great Lights | 181 | Decorah | Winneshiek |
| Grove | 492 | Marne | Cass |
| Guardian | 441 | Defiance | Shelby |
| H. | | | |
| Haggai | 369 | Glidden | Carroll |
| Harbor | 556 | Lost Nation | Clinton |
| Hardin | 29 | Keokuk | Lee |
| <i>Harmony</i> | 134 | Mitchell | Mitchell |
| Hartford | 83 | Hartford | Warren |
| <i>Hawkeye</i> | 30 | Muscatine | Muscatine |
| Hazel | 573 | East Peru | Madison |
| Hebron | 374 | Oelwein | Fayette |
| Helion | 36 | Maquoketa | Jackson |
| Herald | 455 | Maxwell | Story |

*Postoffice, Kalona.

LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Hermitage</i> | 298 | Andrew | Jackson |
| <i>Hermion</i> | 273 | Grinnell | Poweshiek |
| <i>Hesperia</i> | 340 | Traer | Tama |
| <i>Highland</i> | 487 | Ruthven | Palo Alto |
| <i>Hiram</i> | 7 | Augusta | Des Moines |
| <i>Hiram Abiff</i> | 183 | Lineville | Wayne |
| <i>Hiram of Tyre</i> | 203 | Tama | Tama |
| <i>Hogin</i> | 32 | Sigourney | Keokuk |
| <i>Holman</i> | 593 | Rowley | Buchanan |
| <i>Home</i> | 370 | Des Moines | Polk |
| <i>Homer</i> | 82 | Webster City | Hamilton |
| <i>Hope</i> | 175 | Belle Plaine | Benton |
| <i>Hospitable</i> | 244 | Dunlap | Harrison |
| <i>Howard</i> | 214 | Lime Springs | Howard |
| <i>Humanity</i> | 378 | Emerson | Mills |
| I. | | | |
| <i>Imperial</i> | 600 | Swea City..... | Kossuth..... |
| <i>Incense</i> | 257 | <i>Vermillion, S. D.</i> | <i>Clay</i> |
| <i>Independence</i> | 87 | Independence | Buchanan |
| <i>Industry</i> | 260 | Rose Hill | Mahaska |
| <i>Instruction</i> | 275 | Corning | Adams |
| <i>Integrity</i> | 584 | Bussey | Marion |
| <i>Inter-Ocean</i> | 152 | Lacona | Warren |
| <i>Ionic</i> | 122 | Atalissa | Muscatine |
| <i>IOWA</i> | 2 | Muscatine | Muscatine |
| <i>IOWA CITY</i> | 4 | Iowa City | Johnson |
| <i>Iowa Valley</i> | 486 | Marshalltown | Marshall |
| <i>Iroquois</i> | 590 | Nodaway | Adams |
| <i>Ivanhoe</i> | 460 | Lehigh | Webster |
| <i>Ivy</i> | 483 | Truro | Madison |
| J. | | | |
| <i>Jacinth</i> | 443 | Weldon | Decatur |
| <i>Jackson</i> | 42 | Centerville | Appanoose |
| <i>Jasper</i> | 424 | Livermore | Humboldt |
| <i>Jefferson</i> | 86 | Drakesville..... | Davis |
| <i>Jeptha</i> | 201 | Auburn | Sac |
| <i>Jerusalem</i> | 253 | Hamburg | Fremont..... |
| <i>Jewel</i> | 309 | Storm Lake | Buena Vista |
| <i>Joppa</i> | 136 | Montrose | Lee |
| <i>Jordan</i> | 258 | Molingona | Boone |
| <i>Julien</i> | 551 | Farley | Dubuque |
| <i>Junction</i> | 357 | Grand Junction ... | Greene |
| <i>Justice</i> | 230 | Ollie | Keokuk |
| K. | | | |
| <i>Kane</i> | 377 | Ida Grove | Ida |
| <i>Kedron</i> | 241 | Geneva | Franklin |
| <i>Keosauqua</i> | 10 | Keosauqua | Van Buren |
| <i>Key City</i> | 161 | Dubuque | Dubuque |
| <i>Keystone</i> | 206 | Wyoming | Jones |
| <i>Kilwinning</i> | 198 | Batavia | Jefferson |
| <i>King David</i> | 407 | Altoona | Polk |
| <i>King Solomon</i> | 210 | Belmond | Wright |
| <i>Kirkville</i> | 35 | Fremont | Mahaska |
| <i>Kohinoor</i> | 576 | Story City | Story |
| <i>Kossuth</i> | 540 | Burt | Kossuth |
| L. | | | |
| <i>Lafayette</i> | 52 | Montezuma | Poweshiek |
| <i>Lake</i> | 390 | Wall Lake | Sac |
| <i>Landmark</i> | 103 | Sioux City | Woodbury |
| <i>Landmark</i> | 272 | Sioux City | Woodbury |
| <i>Larch</i> | 552 | Larchwood | Lyon |
| <i>Laurel</i> | 517 | Lake View | Sac |
| <i>Lebanon</i> | 227 | Lynnville | Jasper |

LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Leighton</i> | 397 | Beacon | Mahaska |
| <i>Level</i> | 284 | Central City | Linn |
| <i>Lewis</i> | 137 | Lewis | Cass |
| <i>Liberty</i> | 41 | Libertyville | Jefferson |
| <i>Lily</i> | 254 | Malcom | Poweshiek |
| <i>Lincoln</i> | 199 | Blairstown | Benton |
| <i>Little Sioux</i> | 521 | Washta | Cherokee |
| <i>Live Oak</i> | 543 | Charter Oak | Crawford |
| <i>Lookout</i> | 395 | Sumner | Bremer |
| <i>Lovilia</i> | 124 | Lovilia | Monroe |
| <i>Loyal</i> | 489 | Hawarden | Sioux |
| <i>Loyalty</i> | 598 | Ute | Monona |
| <i>Lyons</i> | 93 | Lyons | Clinton |
| M. | | | |
| <i>Madison</i> | 568 | Earlham | Madison |
| <i>Magnolia</i> | 126 | Magnolia | Harrison |
| <i>Mahaska</i> | 336 | New Sharon | Mahaska |
| <i>Malta</i> | 318 | Burlington | Des Moines |
| <i>Manchester</i> | 165 | Manchester | Delaware |
| <i>Manual</i> | 450 | Manning | Carroll |
| <i>Maple</i> | 566 | Jolley | Calhoun |
| <i>Maple Leaf</i> | 528 | Elma | Howard |
| <i>Marble</i> | 368 | Carlisle | Warren |
| <i>Marengo</i> | 114 | Marengo | Iowa |
| <i>Marietta</i> | 97 | Marietta | Marshall |
| <i>Marion</i> | 6 | Marion | Linn |
| <i>Marshall</i> | 108 | Marshalltown | Marshall |
| <i>Martinsburg</i> | 106 | Martinsburg | Keokuk |
| <i>Mason's Home</i> | 192 | Iowa Falls | Hardin |
| <i>Mecca</i> | 523 | Coggon | Linn |
| <i>Meridian</i> | 280 | Kellogg | Jasper |
| <i>Mersail</i> | 341 | Thurman | Fremont |
| <i>Meteor</i> | 563 | Yale | Guthrie |
| <i>Metropolitan</i> | 49 | Dubuque | Dubuque |
| <i>Milan</i> | 409 | Milo | Warren |
| <i>Minnehaha</i> | 328 | <i>Sioux Falls, S. D.</i> .. | <i>Minnehaha</i> |
| <i>Mishna</i> | 565 | Pocahontas | Pocahontas |
| <i>Mistletoe</i> | 376 | Sheldon | O'Brien |
| <i>Model</i> | 315 | St. Charles | Madison |
| <i>Monitor</i> | 330 | Delmar | Clinton |
| <i>Monroe</i> | 88 | Monroe | Jasper |
| <i>Montague</i> | 117 | Eldora | Hardin |
| <i>Montgomery</i> | 270 | Villisca | Montgomery |
| <i>Monumental</i> | 311 | *Galesburg | Jasper |
| <i>Morning Light</i> | 384 | Manson | Calhoun |
| <i>Morning Star</i> | 159 | Jefferson | Greene |
| <i>Morro</i> | 559 | Walnut | Pottawattamie |
| <i>Mosaic</i> | 125 | Dubuque | Dubuque |
| <i>Mountain</i> | 360 | Essex | Page |
| <i>Mountain Shade</i> | 279 | Volga City | Clayton |
| <i>Mt. Calvary</i> | 95 | West Liberty | Muscatine |
| <i>Mt. Carmel</i> | 295 | Derby | Lucas |
| <i>Mt. Hermon</i> | 263 | Cedar Rapids | Linn |
| <i>Mt. Hope</i> | 501 | Clarence | Cedar |
| <i>Mt. Horeb</i> | 333 | Fredericksburg | Chickasaw |
| <i>Mt. Lebanon</i> | 314 | Tabor | Fremont |
| <i>Mt. Moriah</i> | 27 | Farmington | Van Buren |
| <i>Mt. Nebo</i> | 297 | Avoca | Pottawattamie |
| <i>Mt. Olive</i> | 79 | Boone | Boone |
| <i>Mt. Pleasant</i> | 8 | Mt. Pleasant | Henry |
| <i>Mt. Tabor</i> | 293 | Dexter | Dallas |
| <i>Mt. Vernon</i> | 112 | Mt. Vernon | Linn |
| <i>Mt. Zion</i> | 346 | <i>Springfield S. D.</i> .. | <i>Bonhomme</i> |
| <i>Mural</i> | 579 | Gilmore City | Humboldt |
| <i>Mutual</i> | 473 | Swan | Marion |
| <i>Myrtle</i> | 355 | Seymour | Wayne |
| <i>Mysteria</i> | 583 | Plover | Pocahontas |
| <i>Mystic</i> | 534 | Ute | Monona |
| <i>Mystic Tie</i> | 196 | Prairie Grove | Clarke |

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| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| N. | | | |
| Nain | 570 | Buffalo Center | Winnebago |
| Naphtali | 188 | South English | Keokuk |
| National | 172 | Farmersburg | Clayton |
| Nekoda | 597 | Lohrville | Calhoun |
| Neophyte | 301 | New Virginia | Warren |
| Nevada | 99 | Nevada | Story |
| New Hope | 480 | Eldon | Wapello |
| New London | 28 | New London | Henry |
| Newton | 59 | Newton | Jasper |
| Nishnabotany | 153 | Sidney | Fremont |
| Noble | 458 | Clearfield | Taylor |
| Nodaway | 140 | Clarinda | Page |
| North Star | 447 | Estherville | Emmet |
| Northern Light | 266 | Northwood | Worth |
| O. | | | |
| Oak | 531 | Dayton | Webster |
| Obedience | 380 | Anita | Cass |
| Occidental | 178 | Sac City | Sac |
| Olive Branch | 21 | Agency City | Wapello |
| Olivet | 436 | Gladbrook | Tama |
| <i>Omega</i> | 327 | Riverton | Fremont |
| Cnyx | 419 | Sanborn | O'Brien |
| Opal | 417 | Allison | Butler |
| Operative | 308 | Polk City | Polk |
| Orange | 123 | Guthrie Center | Guthrie |
| Orient | 365 | Ainsworth | Washington |
| Oriental | 61 | Knoxville | Marion |
| <i>Orion</i> | 132 | Dyersville | Dubuque |
| Osage | 102 | Osage | Mitchell |
| Osceola | 77 | Osceola | Clarke |
| Otley | 299 | Perry | Dallas |
| Ottumwa | 16 | Ottumwa | Wapello |
| P. | | | |
| Pacific | 469 | Zearing | Story |
| <i>Palestine</i> | 143 | Millersburg | Iowa |
| Palm | 572 | Lehigh | Webster |
| <i>Palmyra</i> | 267 | Palmyra | Warren |
| Panora | 121 | Panora | Guthrie |
| Paradise | 553 | Corwith | Hancock |
| Parian | 321 | Harlan | Shelby |
| <i>Parvin</i> | 85 | Rossville | Allamakee |
| Patmos | 155 | Mechanicsville | Cedar |
| Peaceful | 454 | Woodward | Dallas |
| Pearl | 426 | Sheffield | Franklin |
| Pella | 55 | Pella | Marion |
| Perfect Square | 526 | Hiteman | Monroe |
| Perfect Union | 277 | Thornburg | Keokuk |
| Perseverance | 446 | Battle Creek | Ida |
| Phoenix | 497 | Hubbard | Hardin |
| <i>Pilgrim</i> | 494 | Rock Valley | Sioux |
| Pilot | 467 | Rolfe | Pocahontas |
| Pioneer | 22 | Des Moines | Polk |
| Pleasant | 128 | Pleasantville | Marion |
| Pleiades | 248 | Fayette | Fayette |
| Plumb | 285 | *Buchanan | Taylor |
| Polar Star | 113 | Le Grand | Marshall |
| Pomegranate | 408 | Alta | Buena Vista |
| Prairie la Porte | 147 | Guttenburg | Clayton |
| Preston | 218 | Prairie City | Jasper |
| Progress | 226 | Meadiaopolis | Des Moines |
| Progressive | 503 | Bancroft | Kossuth |
| Prospect | 350 | Quasqueton | Buchanan |
| Prosperity | 504 | Cincinnati | Appanoose |
| Prudence | 205 | Algona | Kossuth |
| Purity | 283 | Casey | Guthrie |

*Postoffice, Siam.

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| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Pymosa | 271 | Atlantic | Cass |
| Pyramid | 554 | Clio | Wayne |
| Pythagoras | 180 | Lancaster | Keokuk |
| Q. | | | |
| Quarry | 404 | Mapleton | Monona |
| Quitman | 217 | Stiles | Davis |
| R. | | | |
| Radiant | 366 | Alden | Hardin |
| Red Oak | 162 | Red Oak | Montgomery |
| Relief | 211 | Riceville | Mitchell |
| Remembrance | 375 | Davis City | Decatur |
| Republic | 468 | Jewell Junction ... | Hamilton |
| Resurgam | 169 | Sabula | Jackson |
| Rhodes | 303 | Ogden | Boone |
| Richland | 38 | Richland | Keokuk |
| Richmond | 96 | Kalona | Washington |
| Right Angle | 348 | Conway | Taylor |
| Right Hand | 281 | De Witt | Clinton |
| Rising Star | 496 | Primghar | O'Brien |
| Rising Sun | 187 | Hopkinton | Delaware |
| Riverside | 389 | Colfax | Jasper |
| Rob Morris | 500 | Walker | Linn |
| Rock | 294 | Nora Springs | Floyd |
| Rock River | 599 | Doon | Lyon |
| Roman | 564 | Conrad | Grundy |
| Rose | 506 | Gowrie | Webster |
| Royal | 428 | Newell | Buena Vista |
| Ruby | 415 | Macedonia | Pottawattamie |
| Rural | 305 | Ladora | Iowa |
| S. | | | |
| St. Albans | 363 | Earlham | Madison |
| St. Charles | 141 | Charles City | Floyd |
| St. Clair | 164 | Norway | Benton |
| St. Elmo | 462 | Early | Sac |
| St. John's | 19 | Lyons | Clinton |
| St. John's | 166 | Yankton, S. D. | Yankton |
| St. Paul's | 361 | Boone | Boone |
| Salem | 17 | Salem | Henry |
| Sapphire | 427 | Hull | Sioux |
| Sardius | 444 | Irwin | Shelby |
| Seba | 463 | Marcus | Cherokee |
| Seevers | 54 | Oskaloosa | Mahaska |
| Senna | 344 | Liberty Center | Warren |
| Setting Sun | 349 | West Side | Crawford |
| Sharon | 287 | Victor | Iowa |
| Shiloh | 247 | Winthrop | Buchanan |
| Signet | 264 | Carroll | Carroll |
| Silentia | 371 | Shelby | Shelby |
| Siloam | 222 | Jessup | Buchanan |
| Silver Cord | 525 | Ocheyedan | Osceola |
| Silver Lake | 527 | Lake Park | Dickinson |
| Silver Leaf | 518 | Elgin | Fayette |
| Silver Light | 400 | Silver City | Mills |
| Silver Star | 345 | Canton, S. D. | Lincoln |
| Silver Urn | 234 | Malvern | Mills |
| Sincerity | 317 | Moulton | Appanoose |
| Sioux | 477 | Ireton | Sioux |
| Sioux City | 103 | Sioux City | Woodbury |
| Sirius | 323 | Rockford | Floyd |
| Snow | 44 | Le Claire | Scott |
| Social | 231 | Millersburg | Iowa |
| Solar | 475 | Pomeroy | Calhoun |
| Solomon | 594 | Lamont | Buchanan |
| Speculative | 307 | Cherokee | Cherokee |
| Springville | 139 | Springville | Linn |

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| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Square | 286 | Earlville | Delaware |
| Stainless | 445 | Nichols | Muscatine |
| Standard | 351 | Waucoma | Fayette |
| Star | 115 | Madrid | Boone |
| Stella | 440 | Fort Madison | Lee |
| Stellapolis | 391 | Williamsburg | Iowa |
| Strawberry Point | 130 | Strawberry Point... | Clayton |
| Sublime | 306 | Staceyville | Mitchell |
| Summit | 493 | Elliott | Montgomery |
| Sunbeam | 476 | Bagley | Guthrie |
| Sunlight | 459 | Gravity | Taylor |
| Sunnyside | 510 | Maynard | Fayette |
| Sunset | 604 | Royal..... | Clay..... |
| Surprise | 396 | Murray | Clarke |
| Sylvan | 507 | Denison | Crawford |
| Symbol | 432 | Fonda | Pocahontas |
| T. | | | |
| Tabernacle | 452 | Cambridge | Story |
| Tadmor | 225 | Greeley | Delaware |
| Talleyrand | 146 | Talleyrand | Keokuk |
| Taylor | 156 | Bedford | Taylor |
| Temperance | 411 | Minburn | Dallas |
| Templar | 514 | West Bend | Palo Alto |
| Temple | 170 | Garden Grove | Decatur |
| Tennyson | 530 | Barnes | Mahaska |
| Terrestrial | 276 | State Center | Marshall |
| Token | 304 | Stuart | Guthrie |
| Toledo | 118 | Toledo | Tama |
| Toleration | 236 | Fremont | Mahaska |
| Topaz | 438 | Kellerton | Ringgold |
| Tradition | 359 | Riverside | Washington |
| Tremont | 343 | Lenox | Taylor |
| Trial | 532 | Moville | Woodbury |
| Triangular | 245 | Letts | Louisa |
| Tri-Centum | 300 | Shenandoah | Page |
| Tri Luminar | 18 | Oskaloosa | Mahaska |
| Trinity | 208 | Davenport | Scott |
| Triumph | 479 | North English | Iowa |
| Trojan | 548 | Marion | Linn |
| Trowel | 216 | La Porte City..... | Black Hawk |
| Troy | 40 | Troy | Davis |
| Truth | 213 | Forest City | Winnebago |
| Tuscan | 57 | Davenport | Scott |
| Twilight | 329 | Spirit Lake | Dickinson |
| Twin Lakes | 478 | Rockwell City | Calhoun |
| Tyre | 185 | Columbia | Marion |
| Tyrian | 508 | Sioux City | Woodbury |
| Tyrrell | 116 | Waverly | Bremer |
| U. | | | |
| Union | 39 | Sabula | Jackson |
| Union Band | 66 | Frankville | Winneshiek |
| Unionville | 119 | Unionville | Appanoose |
| Unit | 520 | Baxter | Jasper |
| Unity | 212 | Woodburn | Clarke |
| Universal | 587 | Marathon | Buena Vista |
| Universe | 242 | What Cheer | Keokuk |
| V. | | | |
| Valley | 232 | Missouri Valley | Harrison |
| Venus | 403 | Macksburg | Madison |
| Verity | 250 | Clear Lake | Cerro Gordo |
| Veritas | 392 | Audubon | Audubon |
| Vernon | 410 | Promise City | Wayne |
| Vesper | 223 | Onawa | Monona |
| Victoria | 516 | Riverside | Washington |
| Victory | 296 | Waterloo | Black Hawk |

LODGES ARRANGED BY NAMES—CONTINUED.

| <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> | <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Vienna | 142 | Center Point | Linn |
| Vinton | 62 | Vinton | Benton |
| Viona | 538 | Renwick | Humboldt |
| Volunteer | 582 | Tabor | Fremont |
| Vulcan | 498 | Bristow | Butler |
| W. | | | |
| Walnut | 588 | Mystic | Appanoose |
| Wapello | 5 | Wapello | Louisa |
| Wapsinonoc | 381 | West Branch | Cedar |
| Warren | 53 | Indianola | Warren |
| Washington | 26 | Washington | Washington |
| Waterfall | 511 | Hazleton | Buchanan |
| Waterloo | 105 | Waterloo | Black Hawk |
| Waukon | 154 | Waukon | Alamakee |
| Waveland | 596 | Blakesburg | Wapello |
| Wayfaring | 385 | Solon | Johnson |
| Webb | 182 | Sigourney | Keokuk |
| Welcome | 536 | Peterson | Clay |
| Western Star | 100 | Clinton | Clinton |
| Weston | 562 | Whiting | Monona |
| West Point | 75 | West Point | Lee |
| West Union | 69 | West Union | Fayette |
| Wheeler | 398 | Odebolt | Sac |
| White Marble | 238 | North Liberty | Johnson |
| Wilton | 167 | Wilton Junction | Muscatine |
| Winchester | 33 | Winchester | Van Buren |
| Windsor | 542 | Hawkeye | Fayette |
| Winona | 339 | Pitzer | Madison |
| Wiscotta | 158 | Redfield | Dallas |
| X. | | | |
| Xenium | 207 | Mt. Pleasant | Henry |
| Y. | | | |
| York | 202 | Arlington | Fayette |
| Yosemite | 220 | Dale City | Guthrie |
| Z. | | | |
| Zealous | 435 | Oxford Junction | Jones |
| Zenith | 581 | Chelsea | Tama |
| Zeredatha | 184 | Wheatland | Clinton |
| Zerubbabel | 240 | Lake City | Calhoun |
| Zion | 31 | Iowa City | Johnson |

VI. LODGES ARRANGED BY TOWNS.

Total Number of Towns, 549; Lodges, 606; Extinct, in *italics*, 88.

| <i>Town.</i> | <i>County.</i> | <i>Name of Lodge.</i> | <i>No.</i> |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Abingdon | Jefferson | Abingdon | 104 |
| Ackley | Hardin | Fountain | 219 |
| Adair | Adair | Beulah | 449 |
| Adel | Dallas | Adel | 80 |
| Afton | Union | Afton | 151 |
| Agency City | Wapello | Olive Branch | 21 |
| Ainsworth | Washington | Orient | 365 |
| Akron | Plymouth | Freedom | 434 |
| Albia | Monroe | <i>Albia</i> | 76 |
| Albion | Monroe | Astor | 505 |
| Alden | Marshall | Damascus | 268 |
| Algona | Hardin | Radiant | 366 |
| Allerton | Kossuth | Prudence | 205 |
| Allison | Wayne | Advance | 372 |
| Alta | Butler | Opal | 417 |
| Alton | Buena Vista | Pomegranate | 408 |
| Altoona | Sioux | Floyd | 537 |
| Ames | Polk | King David | 407 |
| Anamosa | Story | Arcadia | 249 |
| Andrew | Jones | Anamosa | 46 |
| Anita | Jackson | <i>Hermitage</i> | 298 |
| Anthon | Cass | Obedience | 380 |
| Arlington | Woodbury | Cerulean | 550 |
| Armstrong | Fayette | York | 202 |
| Atalissa | Emmet | Emmet | 533 |
| Atlantic | Muscatine | Ionic | 122 |
| Attica | Cass | Pymosa | 271 |
| Auburn | Marion | Gavel | 229 |
| Audubon | Sac | Jeptha | 201 |
| Augusta | Audubon | Veritas | 392 |
| Avoca | Des Moines | <i>Hiram</i> | 7 |
| | Pottawattamie | Mt. Nebo | 297 |
| Baden | Keokuk | <i>Archimedes</i> | 291 |
| Bagley | Guthrie | Sunbeam | 476 |
| Bancroft | Kossuth | Progressive | 503 |
| Barnes | Mahaska | Tennyson | 530 |
| Bassett | Chickasaw | <i>Good Will</i> | 246 |
| Batavia | Jefferson | Kilwinning | 198 |
| Battle Creek | Ida | Perseverance | 446 |
| Baxter | Jasper | Unit | 520 |
| Bayard | Guthrie | Benevolent | 451 |
| Beacon | Mahaska | <i>Leighton</i> | 397 |
| Bedford | Taylor | Taylor | 156 |
| Belle Plaine | Benton | Hope | 175 |
| Bellevue | Jackson | Bellevue | 51 |
| Belmond | Wright | King Solomon | 210 |
| Bentonsport | Van Buren | <i>Bentonsport</i> | 47 |
| Birmingham | Van Buren | Birmingham | 56 |
| Blakesburg | Wapello | Waveland | 596 |
| Blairstown | Benton | Lincoln | 199 |
| Blanchard | Page | Emmanuel | 405 |
| Blockton | Taylor | Bethany | 320 |
| Bloomfield | Davis | Franklin | 14 |
| Bonaparte | Van Buren | Bonaparte | 73 |
| Boone | Boone | Mt. Olive | 79 |
| | Boone | <i>St. Paul's</i> | 361 |
| | Boone | <i>Composite</i> | 209 |
| Brighton | Washington | <i>Brighton</i> | 64 |
| Bristow | Butler | Vulcan | 498 |
| Britt | Hancock | Darius | 431 |
| Brooklyn | Poweshiek | Corinthian | 174 |
| *Buchanan | Taylor | Plumb | 285 |
| Buffalo Center | Winnebago | Nain | 570 |
| Burlington | Des Moines | DES MOINES | 1 |
| | Des Moines | <i>Burlington</i> | 20 |
| | Des Moines | Malta | 318 |
| Burr Oak | Winneshiek | Cement | 567 |
| Burt | Kossuth | Kossuth | 540 |

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| Bussey | Marion | Integrity | 584 |
| Caledonia | Ringgold | Garnet | 416 |
| Calmar | Winneshiek | Cope-Stone | 316 |
| Camanche | Clinton | Camanche | 60 |
| Cambridge | Story | Tabernacle | 452 |
| Canton, S. D. | Lincoln | Silver Star | 345 |
| Cantril | Van Buren | Apollo | 461 |
| Carlisle | Warren | Marble | 368 |
| Carroll | Carroll | Signet | 264 |
| Carson | Pottawattamie | Coral | 430 |
| Cascade | Dubuque | Cascade | 127 |
| Casey | Guthrie | Purity | 283 |
| Cedar Falls | Black Hawk | Black Hawk | 65 |
| Cedar Rapids | Linn | Crescent | 25 |
| | Linn | Mt. Hermon | 263 |
| Center Point | Linn | Vienna | 142 |
| Centerville | Appanoose | Jackson | 42 |
| Central City | Linn | Level | 284 |
| Chariton | Lucas | Chariton | 63 |
| Charles City | Floyd | St. Charles | 141 |
| Charter Oak | Crawford | Live Oak | 543 |
| Chelsea | Tama | Zenith | 581 |
| Cherokee | Cherokee | Speculative | 307 |
| Churdan | Greene | Bethshan | 580 |
| Cincinnati | Appanoose | Prosperity | 504 |
| Clarence | Cedar | Euclid | 177 |
| | Cedar | Mt. Hope | 501 |
| Clarinda | Page | Nodaway | 140 |
| Clarion | Wright | Cyrene | 325 |
| Clarksville | Butler | Butler | 94 |
| Clearfield | Taylor | Noble | 458 |
| Clear Lake | Cerro Gordo | Verity | 250 |
| Clermont | Fayette | Clermont | 160 |
| Clinton | Clinton | Western Star | 100 |
| | Clinton | Emulation | 255 |
| Clio | Wayne | Pyramid | 554 |
| Coggon | Linn | Mecca | 523 |
| Colesburg | Delaware | Constellation | 67 |
| Colfax | Jasper | Riverside | 389 |
| Collins | Story | Fervent | 513 |
| Colo | Story | Columbia | 292 |
| Columbia | Marion | Tyre | 185 |
| Columbus Junction.. | Louisa | Columbus City | 107 |
| Conrad | Grundy | Roman | 564 |
| Conway | Taylor | Right Angle | 348 |
| Coon Rapids | Carroll | Charity | 197 |
| Corning | Adams | Instruction | 275 |
| Correctionville | Woodbury | Burning Bush | 474 |
| Corwith | Hancock | Paradise | 553 |
| Corydon | Wayne | Corydon | 91 |
| Council Bluffs..... | Pottawattamie | Bluff City | 71 |
| | Pottawattamie | Excelsior | 259 |
| Crawfordsville | Washington | Crawfordsville | 45 |
| Cresco | Howard | Cresco | 150 |
| Creston | Union | Bunker Hill | 302 |
| | Union | Brilliant | 433 |
| | Union | Crest City | 522 |
| Cromwell | Union | Canby | 354 |
| Cumberland | Cass | Atlas | 484 |
| Dale City | Guthrie | Yosemite | 220 |
| Dallas | Marion | Firm | 524 |
| Dallas Center | Dallas | Delta | 356 |
| Danbury | Woodbury | Due Guard | 387 |
| Danville | Des Moines | Danville | 48 |
| Davenport | Scott | Davenport | 37 |
| | Scott | Tuscan | 57 |
| | Scott | Trinity | 208 |
| | Scott | Fraternal | 221 |
| Davis City..... | Decatur | Remembrance | 375 |
| Dayton | Webster | Oak | 531 |

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| Decatur City | Decatur | Decatur | 109 |
| Decorah | Winneshiek | Decorah | 98 |
| | Winneshiek | Great Lights | 181 |
| Deep River | Poweshiek | Golden Rod | 512 |
| Defiance | Shelby | Guardian | 441 |
| Delhi | Delaware | Delhi | 92 |
| Delmar | Clinton | Monitor | 330 |
| Delta | Keokuk | Center | 575 |
| Denison | Crawford | Devotion | 282 |
| | Crawford | Sylvan | 507 |
| Derby | Lucas | Mt. Carmel | 295 |
| Des Moines | Polk | Pioneer | 22 |
| | Polk | Capital | 110 |
| | Polk | Home | 370 |
| | Polk | Adelphic | 509 |
| | Polk | Auburn | 592 |
| De Soto | Dallas | Amaranth | 591 |
| De Witt | Clinton | De Witt | 34 |
| | Clinton | Right Hand | 281 |
| Dexter | Dallas | Mt. Tabor | 293 |
| Doon..... | Lyon | Rock River | 599 |
| Doud's | Van Buren | Celestial | 413 |
| Dow City | Crawford | Ally | 578 |
| Dows | Wright | Carnelian | 425 |
| Drakesville..... | Davis | Jefferson | 86 |
| Dubuque | Dubuque | DUBUQUE | 3 |
| | Dubuque | Metropolitan | 49 |
| | Dubuque | Mosaic | 125 |
| | Dubuque | Key City | 161 |
| Dunlap | Harrison | Hospitable | 244 |
| Dyersville | Dubuque | Orion | 132 |
| Dysart | Tama | Ascalon | 393 |
| Eagle Grove | Wright | Bower | 464 |
| Earlham | Madison | St. Albans | 363 |
| | Madison | Madison | 568 |
| Earlville | Delaware | Square | 286 |
| Early | Sac | St. Elmo | 462 |
| East Peru | Madison | Hazel | 573 |
| Eddyville | Wapello | Eddyville | 74 |
| Edgewood..... | Clayton..... | Avalon | 606 |
| Eldon | Wapello | New Hope | 480 |
| Eldora | Hardin | Montague | 117 |
| Elgin | Fayette | Silver Leaf | 518 |
| Elkader | Clayton | Elkader | 72 |
| Elk Point, S. D..... | Union | Elk Point | 288 |
| Elliott | Montgomery | Summit | 493 |
| Elma | Howard | Maple Leaf | 528 |
| Emerson | Mills | Humanity | 378 |
| Emmetsburg | Palo Alto | Earnest | 399 |
| Epworth | Dubuque | Epworth | 84 |
| Essex | Page | Mountain | 360 |
| Estherville | Emmet | North Star | 447 |
| Everly | Clay | Columbian | 560 |
| Exira | Audubon | Exodus | 342 |
| Fairbank | Buchanan | Fairbank | 148 |
| Fairfax | Linn | Fidelitas | 364 |
| Fairfield | Jefferson | Clinton | 15 |
| Farley | Dubuque | Cassia | 224 |
| | Dubuque | Julien | 551 |
| Farmersburg | Clayton | National | 172 |
| Farmington | Van Buren | Mt. Moriah | 27 |
| | Van Buren | Farmington | 9 |
| Farragut | Fremont | Friendship | 379 |
| Fayette | Fayette | Pleiades | 248 |
| Fonda | Pocahontas | Symbol | 432 |
| Fontanelle | Adair | Fontanelle | 138 |
| Forest City | Winnebago | Truth | 213 |
| *Frank Pierce | Johnson | Fellowship | 549 |
| Frankville | Winneshiek | Union Band | 66 |

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| Fredericksburg | Chickasaw | Mt. Horeb | 333 |
| Fremont | Mahaska | Kirkville | 35 |
| | Mahaska | Toleration | 236 |
| Ft. Dodge | Webster | Ashlar | 111 |
| Ft. Madison | Lee | Claypoole | 13 |
| | Lee | Stella | 440 |
| *Galesburg | Jasper | Monumental | 311 |
| Garden Grove | Decatur | Temple | 170 |
| Garnavillo | Clayton | Garnavillo | 90 |
| Garner | Hancock | Bethel | 319 |
| Geneva | Franklin | Kedron | 241 |
| Gilman | Marshall | Cyrus | 338 |
| Gilmore City | Humboldt | Mural | 579 |
| Gladbrook | Tama | Olivet | 436 |
| Glasgow | Jefferson | Glasgow | 68 |
| Glenwood | Mills | Glenwood | 58 |
| Glidden | Carroll | Haggai | 369 |
| Goldfield | Wright | Fountain City | 589 |
| Gowrie | Webster | Rose | 506 |
| Grand Junction | Greene | Junction | 357 |
| Grandview | Louisa | Grandview | 23 |
| Grand River | Decatur | Banner | 437 |
| Grant | Montgomery | Centennial | 373 |
| Gravity | Taylor | Sunlight | 459 |
| Greeley | Delaware | Tadmor | 225 |
| Greene | Butler | Alpha | 326 |
| Greenfield | Adair | Crusade | 386 |
| Grinnell | Poweshiek | Hermon | 273 |
| Griswold | Cass | Cass | 412 |
| Grundy Center | Grundy | Emerald | 334 |
| Guthrie Center | Guthrie | Orange | 123 |
| Guttenberg | Clayton | Prairie la Porte | 147 |
| Hamburg | Fremont | Jerusalem | 253 |
| Hampton | Franklin | Anchor | 191 |
| Harlan | Shelby | Parian | 321 |
| Hartford | Warren | Hartford | 83 |
| Hartley | O'Brien | Beacon | 495 |
| †Haven | Tama | Blazing Star | 352 |
| Hawarden | Sioux | Loyal | 489 |
| | Sioux | Dale | 456 |
| Hawkeye | Fayette | Windsor | 542 |
| Hazleton | Buchanan | Waterfall | 511 |
| Hedrick | Keokuk | Garfield | 485 |
| Hillsboro | Henry | Belmont | 541 |
| Hiteman | Monroe | Perfect Square | 526 |
| Holstein | Ida | Alpine | 471 |
| Hopkinton | Delaware | Rising Sun | 187 |
| Hubbard | Hardin | Phoenix | 497 |
| Hull | Sioux | Sapphire | 427 |
| Humboldt | Humboldt | Eastern Star | 195 |
| Humeston | Wayne | Fidelity | 228 |
| Ida Grove | Ida | Kane | 377 |
| Independence | Buchanan | Independence | 87 |
| Indianola | Warren | Warren | 53 |
| Iowa City | Johnson | IOWA CITY | 4 |
| | Johnson | Zion | 31 |
| Iowa Falls | Hardin | Mason's Home | 192 |
| Iowaville | Van Buren | Eureka | 89 |
| Ireton | Sioux | Sioux | 477 |
| Irwin | Shelby | Sardius | 444 |
| Jamaica | Guthrie | Ensign | 585 |
| Janesville | Bremer | Equity | 131 |
| Jefferson | Greene | Morning Star | 159 |
| Jessup | Buchanan | Siloam | 222 |
| Jewell Junction | Hamilton | Republic | 468 |
| Jolley | Calhoun | Maple | 566 |

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Kalona | Washington | Richmond | 96 |
| Kellerton | Ringgold | Topaz | 438 |
| Kellogg | Jasper | Meridian | 280 |
| Keokuk | Lee | Eagle | 12 |
| ..... | Lee | Hardin | 29 |
| Keosauqua | Van Buren | Keosauqua | 10 |
| Keota | Keokuk | Adelphi | 353 |
| Kingsley | Plymouth | Cosmos | 470 |
| Kinross | Keokuk | Farmers | 168 |
| Kirkville | Wapello | Formal | 442 |
| Knoxville | Marion | Oriental | 61 |
| Lacona | Warren | Inter-Ocean | 152 |
| Ladora | Iowa | Rural | 305 |
| Lake City | Calhoun | Zerubbabel | 240 |
| Lake Mills | Winnebago | Arion | 488 |
| Lake Park | Dickinson | Silver Lake | 527 |
| Lake View | Sac | Laurel | 517 |
| Lamoni | Decatur | Fayette | 571 |
| Lamont | Buchanan | Solomon | 594 |
| La Motte | Jackson | Confidence | 337 |
| Lancaster | Keokuk | Pythagoras | 180 |
| Lansing | Allamakee | Evergreen | 144 |
| La Porte City | Black Hawk | Trowel | 216 |
| Larchwood | Lyon | Larch | 552 |
| Laurens | Pocahontas | Grace | 519 |
| Le Claire | Scott | Snow | 44 |
| Le Grand | Marshall | Polar Star | 113 |
| Lehigh | Webster | Ivanhoe | 460 |
| ..... | Webster | Palm | 572 |
| Leighton | Mahaska | Black Oak | 491 |
| Le Mars | Plymouth | Giblem | 322 |
| Lenox | Taylor | Tremont | 343 |
| Leon | Decatur | Grand River | 78 |
| Letts | Louisa | Triangular | 245 |
| Lewis | Cass | Lewis | 137 |
| Lewisburg | Wayne | Clay | 193 |
| Liberty Center | Warren | Senna | 344 |
| Libertyville | Jefferson | Liberty | 41 |
| Lime Springs | Howard | Howard | 214 |
| Linden | Dallas | Active | 529 |
| Lineville | Wayne | Hiram Abiff | 183 |
| Lisbon | Linn | Benj. Franklin | 574 |
| Little Sioux | Harrison | Frontier | 382 |
| Livermore | Humboldt | Jasper | 424 |
| Logan | Harrison | Chrysolite | 420 |
| Lohrville | Calhoun | Nekoda | 597 |
| Lone Tree | Johnson | Abner | 535 |
| Lorimor | Union | Fern | 558 |
| Lost Nation | Clinton | Harbor | 556 |
| Lovilia | Monroe | Lovilia | 124 |
| Lucas | Lucas | Good Shepherd | 414 |
| Lynnville | Jasper | Lebanon | 227 |
| Lyons | Clinton | St. John's | 19 |
| ..... | Clinton | Lyons | 93 |
| Macedonia | Pottawattamie | Ruby | 415 |
| Macksburg | Madison | Venus | 403 |
| Madrid | Boone | Star | 115 |
| Magnolia | Harrison | Magnolia | 126 |
| Malcom | Poweshiek | Lily | 254 |
| Malvern | Mills | Silver Urn | 234 |
| Manchester | Delaware | Manchester | 165 |
| Manilla | Crawford | Golden Leaf | 595 |
| Manning | Carroll | Manual | 450 |
| Manson | Calhoun | Morning Light | 384 |
| Mapleton | Monona | Quarry | 404 |
| Maquoketa | Jackson | Helion | 36 |
| Marathon | Buena Vista | Universal | 587 |
| Marble Rock | Floyd | Corner-Stone | 251 |
| Marcus | Cherokee | Seba | 463 |

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| Marengo | Iowa | Marengo | 114 |
| Marietta | Marshall | Marietta | 97 |
| Marion | Linn | De Molay | 383 |
| | Linn | Marion | 6 |
| | Linn | Trojan | 548 |
| Marne | Cass | Grove | 492 |
| Marshalltown | Marshall | Marshall | 108 |
| | Marshall | Iowa Valley | 486 |
| Martinsburg | Keokuk | Martinsburg | 106 |
| Mason City | Cerro Gordo | Benevolence | 145 |
| Massena | Cass | Comfort | 515 |
| Maxwell | Story | Herald | 455 |
| Maynard | Fayette | Sunnyside | 510 |
| McGregor | Clayton | Bezer | 135 |
| Mechanicsville | Cedar | Patmos | 155 |
| Mediapolis | Des Moines | Progress | 226 |
| Melbourne | Marshall | Full Moon | 561 |
| Miles | Jackson | Cyprian | 603 |
| Milford | Dickinson | Gloaming | 482 |
| Millersburg | Iowa | Palestine | 143 |
| | Iowa | Social | 231 |
| Milo | Warren | Milan | 409 |
| Milton | Van Buren | Aurora | 50 |
| Minburn | Dallas | Temperance | 411 |
| Missouri Valley | Harrison | Valley | 232 |
| Mitchell | Mitchell | Harmony | 134 |
| Mitchellville | Polk | Crystal | 313 |
| Modale | Harrison | Acmode | 544 |
| Moingona | Boone | Jordan | 258 |
| Monona | Clayton | Clayton | 70 |
| Monroe | Jasper | Monroe | 88 |
| | Jasper | Fairview | 194 |
| Montezuma | Poweshiek | Lafayette | 52 |
| Monticello | Jones | Burns | 173 |
| Montrose | Lee | Joppa | 136 |
| Moorhead | Monona | Elk | 586 |
| Moravia | Appanoose | Antiquity | 252 |
| Morning Sun | Louisa | Doric | 171 |
| Moulton | Appanoose | Sincerity | 317 |
| Moville | Woodbury | Trial | 532 |
| Mt. Ayr | Ringgold | Faith | 179 |
| Mt. Etna | Adams | Etna | 367 |
| Mt. Pleasant | Henry | Xenium | 207 |
| | Henry | Mt. Pleasant | 8 |
| Mt. Vernon | Linn | Mt. Vernon | 112 |
| Murray | Clarke | Surprise | 396 |
| Muscatine | Muscatine | IOWA | 2 |
| | Muscatine | Hawkeye | 30 |
| Mystic | Appanoose | Walnut | 588 |
| Nashua | Chickasaw | Cedar Beam | 265 |
| | Chickasaw | Bradford | 129 |
| Neola | Pottawattamie | Agate | 423 |
| Nevada | Story | Nevada | 99 |
| Nevinville | Adams | Amethyst | 418 |
| Newell | Buena Vista | Royal | 428 |
| New Hampton | Chickasaw | Arcana | 274 |
| New Hartford | Butler | Beaver | 472 |
| New London | Henry | New London | 28 |
| New Market | Taylor | Covenant | 453 |
| New Sharon | Mahaska | Mahaska | 336 |
| Newton | Jasper | Newton | 59 |
| New Virginia | Warren | Neophyte | 301 |
| New York | Wayne | Bethlehem | 278 |
| Nichols | Muscatine | Stainless | 445 |
| Nodaway | Adams | Iroquois | 590 |
| Nora Springs | Floyd | Rock | 294 |
| North English | Iowa | Triumph | 479 |
| North Liberty | Johnson | White Marble | 238 |
| Northwood | Worth | Northern Light | 266 |
| Norway | Benton | St. Clair | 164 |
| Numa | Appanoose | Bellair | 133 |

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| Oakland | Pottawattamie | Ark | 335 |
| Ocheyedan | Osceola | Silver Cord | 525 |
| Odebolt | Sac | Wheeler | 398 |
| Oelwein | Fayette | Hebron | 374 |
| Ogden | Boone | Rhodes | 303 |
| Olin | Jones | Ancient Landmark | 200 |
| Ollie | Keokuk | Justice | 230 |
| Omaha, Neb. | Douglass | Capital | 101 |
| Onawa | Monona | Vesper | 223 |
| Orient | Adair | Cypress | 539 |
| Osage | Mitchell | Osage | 102 |
| Osceola | Clarke | Osceola | 77 |
| Oskaloosa | Mahaska | Tri Luminar | 18 |
| | Mahaska | Seevers | 54 |
| | Mahaska | Amity | 186 |
| Ossian | Winneshiek | Arcturus | 237 |
| Ottumwa | Wapello | Ottumwa | 16 |
| | Wapello | Empire | 269 |
| Oxford | Johnson | Canopy | 290 |
| Oxford Junction | Jones | Zealous | 435 |
| Palmyra | Warren | Palmyra | 267 |
| Panora | Guthrie | Panora | 121 |
| Parkersburg | Butler | Compass | 239 |
| Paton | Greene | Gem | 429 |
| Paullina | O'Brien | Fulton | 499 |
| Pella | Marion | Pella | 55 |
| Peoria | Mahaska | Central | 388 |
| Perry | Dallas | Otley | 299 |
| Persia | Harrison | Craftsman | 490 |
| Peterson | Clay | Welcome | 536 |
| Pitzer | Madison | Winona | 339 |
| Pleasanton | Decatur | Emblem | 189 |
| Pleasantville | Marion | Pleasant | 128 |
| Plover | Pocahontas | Mysteria | 583 |
| Pocahontas | Pocahontas | Mishna | 565 |
| Polk City | Polk | Operative | 308 |
| Pomeroy | Calhoun | Solar | 475 |
| Postville | Allamakee | Brotherly Love | 204 |
| Prairieburg | Linn | Beryl | 421 |
| Prairie City | Jasper | Preston | 218 |
| Prairie Grove | Clarke | Mystic Tie | 196 |
| Prescott | Adams | Circle | 555 |
| Preston | Jackson | Astral | 324 |
| Primghar | O'Brien | Rising Star | 496 |
| Promise City | Wayne | Vernon | 410 |
| Pulaski | Davis | Eleusis | 358 |
| Quasqueton | Buchanan | Prospect | 350 |
| Quick | Pottawattamie | Amber | 569 |
| Quincy | Adams | Adams | 157 |
| Randolph | Fremont | Crown | 439 |
| Redfield | Dallas | Wiscotta | 158 |
| Red Oak | Montgomery | Red Oak | 162 |
| Reinbeck | Grundy | Coin | 394 |
| Renwick | Humboldt | Viona | 538 |
| Rhodes | Marshall | Eden | 466 |
| Riceville | Mitchell | Relief | 211 |
| Richland | Keokuk | Richland | 38 |
| Rippey | Greene | Elmo | 465 |
| Riverside | Washington | Tradition | 359 |
| | Washington | Victoria | 516 |
| Riverton | Fremont | Omega | 327 |
| | Fremont | Agemo | 481 |
| Rochester | Cedar | Golden Rule | 24 |
| Rockford | Floyd | Sirius | 323 |
| Rock Rapids | Lyon | Border | 406 |
| Rock Valley | Sioux | Pilgrim | 494 |
| | Sioux | Golden Sheaf | 605 |
| Rockwell City | Calhoun | Twin Lakes | 478 |

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| Rolfe | Pocahontas | Pilot | 467 |
| Rose Hill | Mahaska | Industry | 260 |
| Rowley | Buchanan | Holman | 593 |
| Royal | Clay | Sunset | 604 |
| Rossville | Allamakee | <i>Parvin</i> | 85 |
| Runnels | Polk | Faithful | 448 |
| Ruthven | Palo Alto | Highland | 487 |
| Sabula | Jackson | <i>Union</i> | 39 |
| Sac City | Jackson | Resurgam | 169 |
| Salem | Sac | Occidental | 178 |
| Sanborn | Henry | Salem | 17 |
| Sandyville | O'Brien | Onyx | 419 |
| Schaller | Warren | Attentive Ear | 190 |
| Scranton | Sac | Acme | 457 |
| Seymour | Greene | Golden Gate | 402 |
| Sheffield | Wayne | Myrtle | 355 |
| Shelby | Franklin | Pearl | 426 |
| Sheldon | Shelby | Silentia | 371 |
| Shell Rock | O'Brien | Mistletoe | 376 |
| Shellsburg | Butler | Escallop | 261 |
| Shenandoah | Benton | Benton City | 81 |
| Sibley | Page | Tri-Centum | 300 |
| Sidney | Osceola | Broken Column | 331 |
| Sigourney | Fremont | Nishnabotany | 153 |
| | Keokuk | <i>Hogin</i> | 32 |
| | Keokuk | Webb | 182 |
| Silver City | Mills | Silver Light | 400 |
| Sioux City | Woodbury | Landmark | 103 |
| | Woodbury | <i>Sioux City</i> | 103 |
| | Woodbury | <i>Landmark</i> | 272 |
| | Woodbury | Tyrian | 508 |
| <i>Sioux Falls, S. D.</i> | <i>Minnehaha</i> | <i>Minnehaha</i> | 328 |
| Sioux Rapids | Buena Vista | Enterprise | 332 |
| Sloan | Woodbury | Attica | 502 |
| Smithland | Woodbury | Amicable | 289 |
| Solon | Johnson | <i>Wayfaring</i> | 385 |
| South English | Keokuk | Naphtali | 188 |
| Spencer | Clay | Evening Shade | 312 |
| Spirit Lake | Dickinson | Twilight | 329 |
| <i>Springfield S. D.</i> | <i>Bonhomme</i> | <i>Mt. Zion</i> | 346 |
| Springville | Linn | Springville | 139 |
| Staceyville | Mitchell | <i>Sublime</i> | 306 |
| Spring Hill | Warren | Champion | 233 |
| State Center | Marshall | Terrestrial | 276 |
| Steamboat Rock | Hardin | Equality | 262 |
| Stiles | Davis | Quitman | 217 |
| Storm Lake | Buena Vista | Jewel | 309 |
| Story City | Story | Kohinoor | 576 |
| Stratford | Hamilton | Acorn | 601 |
| Strawberry Point | Clayton | Strawberry Point | 130 |
| Stuart | Guthrie | Token | 304 |
| St. Ansgar | Mitchell | <i>Concord</i> | 243 |
| St. Charles | Madison | Model | 315 |
| Sumner | Bremer | Lookout | 395 |
| Sutherland | O'Brien | Abiff | 347 |
| Swan | Marion | Mutual | 473 |
| Swea City | Kossuth | Imperial | 600 |
| Tabor | Fremont | <i>Mt. Lebanon</i> | 314 |
| | Fremont | Volunteer | 582 |
| Talleyrand | Keokuk | <i>Talleyrand</i> | 146 |
| Tama | Tama | Hiram of Tyre | 203 |
| Thayer | Union | Concordia | 215 |
| Thornburg | Keokuk | Perfect Union | 277 |
| Thornton | Cerro Gordo | Granite | 557 |
| Thurman | Fremont | Mersall | 341 |
| Tipton | Cedar | Cedar | 11 |
| Toledo | Tama | Toledo | 118 |
| Tracy | Marion | Bellefontaine | 163 |
| Traer | Tama | Hesperia | 340 |

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| Troy | Davis | Troy | 40 |
| Truro | Madison | Ivy | 483 |
| Union | Hardin | <i>Globe</i> | 310 |
| Unionville | Hardin | Alhambra | 602 |
| Urbana | Appanoose | Unionville | 119 |
| Ute | Benton | Altar | 362 |
| | Monona | <i>Mystic</i> | 534 |
| | Monona | Loyalty | 598 |
| Vail | Crawford | Diamond | 422 |
| Valley Junction | Polk | Gnemeth | 577 |
| Van Meter | Dallas | Fortitude | 256 |
| <i>Vermillion, S. D.</i> | <i>Clay</i> | <i>Incense</i> | 257 |
| Victor | Iowa | Sharon | 287 |
| Villisca | Montgomery | Montgomery | 270 |
| Vinton | Benton | Vinton | 62 |
| Volga City | Clayton | <i>Mountain Shade</i> | 279 |
| Walker | Linn | Rob Morris | 500 |
| Wall Lake | Sac | Lake | 390 |
| Walnut | Pottawattamie | Morro | 559 |
| Wapello | Louisa | Wapello | 5 |
| Washington | Washington | Washington | 26 |
| Washta | Cherokee | Little Sioux | 521 |
| Waterloo | Black Hawk | Waterloo | 105 |
| | Black Hawk | <i>Victory</i> | 296 |
| Waucoma | Fayette | Standard | 351 |
| Waukon | Allamakee | Waukon | 154 |
| Waverly | Bremer | Tyrrell | 116 |
| Wayland | Henry | Adoniram | 120 |
| Webster City | Hamilton | <i>Homer</i> | 82 |
| | Hamilton | Acacia | 176 |
| Weldon | Decatur | Jacinth | 443 |
| Wellman | Washington | Dayton | 149 |
| West Bend | Palo Alto | Templar | 514 |
| West Branch | Cedar | Wapsinonoc | 381 |
| West Liberty | Muscatine | Mt. Calvary | 95 |
| West Point | Lee | <i>West Point</i> | 75 |
| West Side | Crawford | Setting Sun | 349 |
| West Union | Fayette | West Union | 69 |
| What Cheer | Keokuk | Universe | 242 |
| Wheatland | Clinton | Zeredatha | 184 |
| Whiting | Monona | Weston | 562 |
| Williams | Hamilton | Alamo | 547 |
| Williamsburg | Iowa | Stellapolis | 391 |
| Wilton Junction | Muscatine | Wilton | 167 |
| Winchester | Van Buren | <i>Winchester</i> | 33 |
| Winfield | Henry | Good Faith | 235 |
| Winterset | Madison | Evening Star | 43 |
| Winthrop | Buchanan | <i>Shiloh</i> | 247 |
| | Buchanan | Byron | 546 |
| Woodbine | Harrison | Charter Oak | 401 |
| Woodburn | Clarke | Unity | 212 |
| Woodward | Dallas | Peaceful | 454 |
| Wyoming | Jones | Keystone | 206 |
| Yale | Guthrie | Meteor | 563 |
| <i>Yankton, S. D.</i> | <i>Yankton</i> | <i>St. John's</i> | 166 |
| Yarmouth | Des Moines | Federal | 545 |
| Zearing | Story | Pacific | 469 |

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WITH NUMBERS IN EACH (99) AND POPULATION OF COUNTIES IN 1905.

Population of State, 2,210,050; of Territory in 1844, 75,142. No. of
Lodges in 1844, 4; in 1909, 606.

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| NAME OF LODGE. | No. | NAME OF LODGE. | No. |
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| ADAIR (4), 15,110. | | BOONE (6), 27,604. | |
| Beulah, Adair | 449 | <i>Composite</i> , Boone | 209 |
| Crusade, Greenfield | 386 | Jordan, Moingona | 258 |
| Cypress, Orient | 539 | Mt. Olive, Boone | 79 |
| Fontanelle, Fontanelle | 138 | Rhodes, Ogden | 303 |
| ADAMS (6), 12,262. | | <i>St. Paul's</i> , Boone | 361 |
| <i>Adams</i> , Quincy | 157 | Star, Madrid | 115 |
| <i>Amethyst</i> , Nevinville | 418 | BREMER (3), 15,973. | |
| Circle, Prescott | 555 | Equity, Janesville | 131 |
| <i>Etna</i> , Mt. Etna | 367 | Lookout, Sumner | 395 |
| Instruction, Corning | 275 | Tyrrell, Waverly | 116 |
| Iroquois, Nodaway | 590 | BUCHANAN (9), 19,134. | |
| ALLAMAKEE (4), 18,222. | | Byron, Winthrop | 546 |
| Brotherly Love, Postville.... | 204 | Fairbank, Fairbank | 148 |
| Evergreen, Lansing | 144 | Holman, Rowley | 593 |
| <i>Parvin</i> , Rossville | 85 | Independence, Independence.. | 87 |
| Waukon, Waukon | 154 | Prospect, Quasqueton | 350 |
| APPANOOSE (7), 27,193. | | <i>Shiloh</i> , Winthrop | 247 |
| Antiquity, Moravia | 252 | Siloam, Jesup | 222 |
| <i>Bellair</i> , Numa | 133 | Solomon, Lamont | 594 |
| Jackson, Centerville | 42 | Waterfall, Hazelton | 511 |
| Prosperity, Cincinnati | 504 | BUENA VISTA (5), 15,907. | |
| Sincerity, Moulton | 317 | Enterprise, Sioux Rapids.... | 332 |
| Unionville, Unionville | 119 | Jewel, Storm Lake | 309 |
| Walnut, Mystic | 588 | Pomegranate, Alta | 408 |
| AUDUBON (2), 12,937. | | Royal, Newel | 428 |
| Exodus, Exira | 342 | Universal, Marathon | 587 |
| Veritas, Audubon | 392 | BUTLER (7), 17,636. | |
| BENTON (6), 24,117. | | Alpha, Greene | 326 |
| Altar, Urbana | 362 | Beaver, New Hartford..... | 472 |
| Benton City, Shellsburg..... | 81 | Butler, Clarksville | 94 |
| Hope, Belle Plaine..... | 175 | Compass, Parkersburg | 239 |
| Lincoln, Blainstown | 199 | Escallop, Shell Rock..... | 261 |
| St. Clair, Norway..... | 164 | Opal, Allison | 417 |
| Vinton, Vinton | 62 | Vulcan, Bristow | 498 |
| BLACKHAWK (4), 36,617. | | CALHOUN (6), 17,308. | |
| Blackhawk, Cedar Falls..... | 65 | Maple, Jolley | 566 |
| Trowel, La Porte City..... | 216 | Morning Light, Manson..... | 384 |
| <i>Victory</i> , Waterloo | 296 | Nekoda, Lohrville | 597 |
| Waterloo, Waterloo | 105 | Solar, Pomeroy | 475 |
| | | Twin Lakes, Rockwell City. | 478 |
| | | Zerubbabel, Lake City..... | 240 |

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| NAME OF LODGE. | No. | NAME OF LODGE. | No. |
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| CARROLL (4), 20,512. | | CLAYTON (9), 26,734. | |
| Charity, Coon Rapids..... | 197 | Avalon, Edgewood | 606 |
| Haggai, Glidden | 369 | Bezer, McGregor | 135 |
| Manual, Manning | 450 | Clayton, Monona | 70 |
| Signet, Carroll | 264 | Elkader, Elkader | 72 |
| CASS (7), 20,222. | | Garnavillo, Garnavillo | 90 |
| Atlas, Cumberland | 484 | Mountain Shade, Volga Ctiy.. | 279 |
| Cass, Griswold | 412 | National, Farmersburg | 172 |
| Comfort, Massena | 515 | Prairie La Porte, Guttenberg. | 147 |
| Grove, Marne | 492 | Strawberry Pt., Strawb'rry Pt. | 130 |
| Lewis, Lewis | 137 | CLINTON (10), 42,793. | |
| Obedience, Anita | 380 | Camanche, Camanche | 60 |
| Pymosa, Atlantic | 271 | De Witt, De Witt..... | 34 |
| CEDAR (6), 18,368. | | Emulation, Clinton | 255 |
| Cedar, Tipton | 11 | Harbor, Lost Nation..... | 556 |
| Euclid, Clarence | 177 | Lyons, Lyons | 93 |
| Golden Rule, Rochester..... | 24 | Monitor, Delmar | 330 |
| Mt. Hope, Clarence..... | 501 | Right Hand, De Witt..... | 281 |
| Patmos, Mechanicsville | 155 | St. John's, Lyons..... | 19 |
| Wapsinonoc, West Branch...381 | | Western Star, Clinton..... | 100 |
| CERRO GORDO (3), 21,534. | | Zeredatha, Wheatland | 184 |
| Benevolence, Mason City.... | 145 | CRAWFORD (7), 21,000. | |
| Granite, Thornton | 557 | Ally, Dow City..... | 578 |
| Verity, Clear Lake..... | 250 | Devotion, Denison | 282 |
| CHEROKEE (3), 15,962. | | Diamond, Vail | 422 |
| Little Sioux, Washta..... | 521 | Golden Leaf, Manilla..... | 595 |
| Seba, Marcus | 463 | Live Oak, Charter Oak..... | 543 |
| Speculative, Cherokee | 307 | Setting Sun, Westside..... | 349 |
| CHICKASAW (5), 15,928. | | Sylvan, Denison | 507 |
| Arcana, New Hampton..... | 274 | DALLAS (10), 23,035. | |
| Bradford, Nashua | 129 | Active, Linden | 529 |
| Cedar Beam, Nashua..... | 265 | Adel, Adel | 80 |
| Good Will, Bassett..... | 246 | Amaranth, De Sota..... | 591 |
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| CLARKE (4), 11,639. | | Fortitude, Van Meter..... | 256 |
| Mystic Tie, Prairie Grove.... | 196 | Mt. Tabor, Dexter..... | 293 |
| Osceola, Osceola | 77 | Otley, Perry | 299 |
| Surprise, Murray | 396 | Peaceful, Woodward | 454 |
| Unity, Woodburn | 212 | Temperance, Minburn | 411 |
| CLAY (4), 12,711. | | Wiscotta, Redfield | 158 |
| Columbian, Everly | 560 | DAVIS (5), 14,266. | |
| Evening Shade, Spencer.... | 312 | Eleusis, Pulaski | 358 |
| Sunset, Royal | 604 | Franklin, Bloomfield | 14 |
| Welcome, Peterson | 536 | Jefferson, Drakesville | 86 |
| | | Quitman, Stiles | 217 |
| | | Troy, Troy | 40 |

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| DECATUR (8), 17,044. | | Silver Leaf, Elgin..... | 518 |
| Banner, Grand River..... | 437 | Standard, Waucoma | 351 |
| Decatur, Decatur City..... | 109 | Sunnyside, Maynard | 510 |
| Emblem, Pleasanton | 189 | West Union, West Union..... | 69 |
| Fayette, Lamoni | 571 | Windsor, Hawkeye | 542 |
| Grand River, Leon | 78 | York, Arlington | 202 |
| Jacinth, Weldon | 443 | FLOYD (4), 16,779. | |
| Temple, Garden Grove..... | 170 | Corner-Stone, Marble Rock.. | 251 |
| Remembrance, Davis City.... | 375 | Rock, Nora Springs..... | 294 |
| DELAWARE (6), 18,761. | | St. Charles, Charles City.... | 141 |
| Constellation, Colesburg | 67 | Sirius, Rockford | 323 |
| Delhi, Delhi | 92 | FRANKLIN (3), 14,595. | |
| Manchester, Manchester | 165 | Anchor, Hampton | 191 |
| Rising Sun, Hopkinton..... | 187 | Kedron, Geneva | 241 |
| Square, Earlville | 286 | Pearl, Sheffield | 426 |
| Tadmor, Greeley | 225 | FREMONT (9), 16,279. | |
| DES MOINES (7), 37,472. | | Agemo, Riverton | 481 |
| Burlington, Burlington | 20 | Crown, Randolph | 439 |
| Danville, Danville | 48 | Friendship, Farragut | 379 |
| Des Moines, Burlington | 1 | Jerusalem, Hamburg | 253 |
| Federal, Yarmouth | 545 | Mersail, Thurman | 341 |
| Hiram, Augusta | 7 | Mt. Lebanon, Tabor..... | 314 |
| Malta, Burlington | 318 | Nishnabotany, Sidney | 153 |
| Progress, Mediapolis | 226 | Omega, Riverton | 327 |
| DICKINSON (3), 8,130. | | Volunteer, Tabor | 582 |
| Gloaming, Milford | 482 | GREENE (6), 16,089. | |
| Silver Lake, Lake Park..... | 527 | Bethshan, Churdan | 580 |
| Twilight, Spirit Lake..... | 329 | Elmo, Rippey | 465 |
| DUBUQUE (9), 61,471. | | Gem, Paton | 429 |
| Cascade, Cascade | 127 | Golden Gate, Scranton..... | 402 |
| Cassia, Farley | 224 | Junction, Grand Junction.... | 357 |
| Dubuque, Dubuque | 3 | Morning Star, Jefferson.... | 159 |
| Epworth, Epworth | 84 | GRUNDY (3), 13,607. | |
| Julien, Farley | 551 | Coin, Reinbeck | 394 |
| Key City, Dubuque..... | 161 | Emerald, Grundy Center | 334 |
| Metropolitan, Dubuque | 49 | Roman, Conrad | 564 |
| Mosaic, Dubuque | 125 | GUTHRIE (9), 18,013. | |
| Orion, Dyersville | 132 | Benevolent, Bayard | 451 |
| EMMET (2), 10,105. | | Ensign, Jamaica | 585 |
| Emmet, Armstrong | 533 | Meteor, Yale | 563 |
| North Star, Estherville | 447 | Panora, Panora | 121 |
| FAYETTE (9), 28,552. | | Purity, Casey | 283 |
| Clermont, Clermont | 160 | Orange, Guthrie Center..... | 123 |
| Hebron, Oelwein | 374 | Sunbeam, Bagley | 476 |
| Pleiades, Fayette | 248 | Token, Stuart | 304 |
| | | Yosemite, Dale City..... | 220 |

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| HAMILTON (5), 19,381. | | IDA (3), 11,646. | |
| Acacia, Webster City..... | 176 | Alpine, Holstein | 471 |
| Acorn, Stratford | 601 | Kane, Ida Grove..... | 377 |
| Alamo, Williams | 547 | Perseverance, Battle Creek... | 446 |
| Homer, Webster City..... | 82 | | |
| Republic, Jewell Junction... | 468 | IOWA (7), 18,977. | |
| HANCOCK (3), 12,987. | | Marengo, Marengo | 114 |
| Bethel, Garner | 319 | Palestine, Millersburg | 143 |
| Darius, Britt | 431 | Rural, Ladora | 305 |
| Paradise, Corwith | 553 | Sharon, Victor | 287 |
| HARDIN (8), 21,856. | | Social, Millersburg..... | 231 |
| Alhambra, Union | 602 | Stellapolis, Williamsburg.... | 391 |
| Equality, Steamboat Rock... | 262 | Triumph, North English.... | 479 |
| Fountain, Ackley | 219 | | |
| Globe, Union | 310 | JACKSON (8), 22,210. | |
| Mason's Home, Iowa Falls... | 192 | Astral, Preston | 324 |
| Montague, Eldora | 117 | Bellevue, Bellevue | 51 |
| Phoenix, Hubbard | 497 | Confidence, La Motte..... | 337 |
| Radiant, Alden | 366 | Cyprian, Miles | 603 |
| HARRISON (8), 23,762. | | Helion, Maquoketa | 36 |
| Acmode, Modale | 544 | Hermitage, Andrew | 298 |
| Charter Oak, Woodbine..... | 401 | Resurgam, Sabula | 169 |
| Chrysolite, Logan | 420 | Union, Sabula | 39 |
| Craftsman, Persia | 490 | | |
| Frontier, Little Sioux..... | 382 | JASPER (9), 27,156. | |
| Hospitable, Dunlap | 244 | Fairview, Monroe | 194 |
| Magnolia, Magnolia | 126 | Lebanon, Lynnville | 227 |
| Valley, Missouri Valley..... | 232 | Meridian, Kellogg | 280 |
| HENRY (7), 17,722. | | Monroe, Monroe | 88 |
| Adoniram, Wayland | 120 | Monumental, Galesburg | 311 |
| Belmont, Hillsboro | 541 | Newton, Newton | 59 |
| Good Faith, Winfield | 235 | Preston, Prairie City..... | 218 |
| Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant... | 8 | Riverside, Colfax | 389 |
| New London, New London... | 28 | Unit, Baxter | 520 |
| Salem, Salem | 17 | | |
| Xenium, Mt. Pleasant..... | 207 | JEFFERSON (5), 16,493. | |
| HOWARD (3), 13,523. | | Abingdon, Abingdon | 104 |
| Cresco, Cresco | 150 | Clinton, Fairfield | 15 |
| Howard, Lime Springs..... | 214 | Glasgow, Glasgow | 68 |
| Maple Leaf, Elma..... | 528 | Kilwinning, Batavia | 198 |
| HUMBOLDT (4), 12,122. | | Liberty, Libertyville | 41 |
| Eastern Star, Humboldt.... | 195 | | |
| Jasper, Livermore | 424 | JOHNSON (7), 24,683. | |
| Mural, Gilmore City..... | 579 | Abner, Lone Tree..... | 535 |
| Viona, Renwick | 538 | Canopy, Oxford | 290 |
| | | Fellowship, Frank Pierce.... | 549 |
| | | Iowa City, Iowa City..... | 4 |
| | | Wayfaring, Solon | 385 |
| | | White Marble, North Liberty. | 238 |
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| Anamosa, Anamosa 46 | | Trojan, Marion548 | |
| Ancient Landmark, Olin.....200 | | Vienna, Center Point.....142 | |
| Burns, Monticello .....173 | | LOUISA (5), 12,893. | |
| Keystone, Wyoming .....206 | | Columbus City, Col. Junct...107 | |
| Zealous, Oxford Junction....435 | | Doric, Morning Sun.....171 | |
| KEOKUK (15), 22,667. | | Grand View, Grand View.... 23 | |
| Adelphi, Keota .....353 | | Triangular, Letts .....245 | |
| Archimedes, Baden .....291 | | Wapello, Wapello 5 | |
| Center, Delta .....575 | | LUCAS (3), 15,599. | |
| Farmers, Kinross .....168 | | Chariton, Chariton 63 | |
| Garfield, Hedrick .....485 | | Good Shepherd, Lucas.....414 | |
| Hogin, Sigourney 32 | | Mt. Carmel, Derby.....295 | |
| Justice, Ollie .....230 | | LYON (3), 13,494. | |
| Martinsburg, Martinsburg...106 | | Border, Rock Rapids.....406 | |
| Perfect Union, Thornburg...277 | | Larch, Larchwood .....552 | |
| Pythagoras, Lancaster .....180 | | Rock River, Doon.....599 | |
| Naphtali, South English.....188 | | MADISON (8), 16,707. | |
| Richland, Richland 38 | | Evening Star, Winterset..... 43 | |
| Talleyrand, Talleyrand .....146 | | Hazel, East Peru .....573 | |
| Universe, What Cheer.....242 | | Ivy, Truro .....483 | |
| Webb, Sigourney .....182 | | Madison, Earlham .....568 | |
| KOSSUTH (4), 21,963. | | Model, St. Charles.....315 | |
| Imperial, Swea City.....600 | | St. Albans, Earlham.....363 | |
| Kossuth, Burt .....540 | | Venus, Macksburg .....403 | |
| Progressive, Bancroft .....503 | | Winona, Pitzer .....339 | |
| Prudence, Algona .....205 | | MAHASKA (11), 31,430. | |
| LEE (6), 38,006. | | Amity, Oskaloosa .....186 | |
| Claypoole, Ft. Madison..... 13 | | Black Oak, Leighton.....491 | |
| Eagle, Keokuk 12 | | Central, Peoria .....388 | |
| Hardin, Keokuk 29 | | Industry, Rose Hill.....260 | |
| Joppa, Montrose .....136 | | Kirkville, Fremont 35 | |
| Stella, Ft. Madison.....440 | | Leighton, Beacon .....397 | |
| West Point, West Point..... 75 | | Mahaska, New Sharon.....336 | |
| LINN (14), 57,362. | | Seevers, Oskaloosa 54 | |
| Benjamin Franklin, Lisbon..574 | | Tennyson, Barnes .....530 | |
| Beryl, Prairieburg421 | | Toleration, Fremont236 | |
| Crescent, Cedar Rapids..... 25 | | Tri Luminar, Oskaloosa 18 | |
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| Pleasant, Pleasantville | 128 | Mt. Calvary, West Liberty... | 95 |
| Tyre, Columbia | 185 | Stainless, Nichols | 445 |
| | | Wilton, Wilton Junction..... | 167 |
| MARSHALL (9), 28,495. | | O'BRIEN (6), 16,710. | |
| Cyrus, Gilman | 338 | Abiff, Sutherland | 347 |
| Damascus, Albion | 268 | Beacon, Hartley | 495 |
| Eden, Rhodes | 466 | Fulton, Paullina | 499 |
| Full Moon, Melbourne | 561 | Mistletoe, Sheldon | 376 |
| Iowa Valley, Marshalltown.. | 486 | Onyx, Sanborn | 419 |
| Marshall, Marshalltown | 108 | Rising Star, Primghar..... | 496 |
| Marietta, Marietta | 97 | | |
| Polar Star, Le Grand..... | 113 | OSCEOLA (2), 8,827. | |
| Terrestrial, State Center.... | 276 | Broken Column, Sibley..... | 331 |
| | | Silver Cord, Ocheyedan..... | 525 |
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| Glenwood, Glenwood | 58 | Emmanuel, Blanchard | 405 |
| Humanity, Emerson | 378 | Mountain, Essex | 360 |
| Silver Light, Silver City..... | 400 | Nodaway, Clarinda | 140 |
| Silver Urn, Malvern..... | 234 | Tri-Centum, Shenandoah | 300 |
| MITCHELL (5), 14,183. | | | |
| Concord, St. Ansgar..... | 243 | PALO ALTO (3), 14,132. | |
| Harmony, Mitchell | 134 | Earnest, Emmetsburg | 399 |
| Osage, Osage | 102 | Highland, Ruthven | 487 |
| Relief, Riceville | 211 | Templar, West Bend..... | 514 |
| Sublime, Staceyville | 306 | | |
| MONONA (6), 16,857. | | PLYMOUTH (3), 22,818. | |
| Elk, Moorhead | 586 | Cosmos, Kingsley | 470 |
| Loyalty, Ute | 598 | Freedom, Akron | 434 |
| Mystic, Ute | 534 | Giblem, Le Mars..... | 322 |
| Quarry, Mapleton | 404 | | |
| Vesper, Onawa | 223 | POCAHONTAS (5), 14,679. | |
| Weston, Whiting | 562 | Grace, Laurens | 519 |
| | | Mishna, Pocahontas | 565 |
| MONROE (4), 24,376. | | Mysteria, Plover | 583 |
| Albia, Albia | 76 | Pilot, Rolfe | 467 |
| Astor, Albia | 505 | Symbol, Fonda | 432 |
| Lovilia, Lovilia | 124 | | |
| Perfect Square, Hiteman..... | 526 | POLK (10), 96,950. | |
| MONTGOMERY (4), 17,021. | | Adelphic, Des Moines..... | 509 |
| Centennial, Grant | 373 | Auburn, Des Moines..... | 592 |
| Montgomery, Villisca | 270 | Capital, Des Moines..... | 110 |
| Red Oak, Red Oak..... | 162 | Crystal, Mitchellville | 313 |
| Summit, Elliott | 493 | Faithful, Runnells | 448 |
| MUSCATINE (6), 28,171. | | Gnemeth, Valley Junction... | 577 |
| Hawkeye, Muscatine | 30 | Home, Des Moines..... | 370 |
| Ionic, Atalissa | 122 | King David, Altoona..... | 407 |
| | | Operative, Polk City..... | 308 |
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| Corinthian, Brooklyn174 | | Tabernacle, Cambridge452 | |
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| Mt. Moriah, Farmington..... | 27 | Rose, Gowrie | 506 |
| Winchester, Winchester | 33 | | |
| WAPELLO (7), 36,524. | | WINNEBAGO (3), 12,043. | |
| Eddyville, Eddyville | 74 | Arion, Lake Mills..... | 488 |
| Empire, Ottumwa | 269 | Nain, Buffalo Center..... | 570 |
| Formal, Kirkville | 442 | Truth, Forest City..... | 213 |
| New Hope, Eldon | 480 | | |
| Olive Branch, Agency City.. | 21 | WINNESHIEK (6), 23,107. | |
| Ottumwa, Ottumwa | 16 | Arcturus, Ossian | 237 |
| Waveland, Blakesburg | 596 | Cement, Burr Oak..... | 567 |
| WARREN (10), 19,575. | | Cope Stone, Calmar | 316 |
| Attentive Ear, Sandyville.... | 190 | Decorah, Decorah | 98 |
| Champion, Springhill | 233 | Great Lights, Decorah..... | 181 |
| Hartford, Hartford | 83 | Union Band, Frankville..... | 66 |
| Marble, Carlisle | 368 | | |
| Milan, Milo | 409 | WOODBURY (9), 60,859. | |
| Inter-Ocean, Lacona | 152 | Amicable, Smithland | 289 |
| Neophyte, New Virginia..... | 301 | Attica, Sloan | 502 |
| Palmyra, Palmyra | 267 | Burning Bush, Correction'lle | 474 |
| Senna, Liberty Center..... | 344 | Cerulean, Anthon | 550 |
| Warren, Indianola | 53 | Due Guard, Danbury | 387 |
| WASHINGTON (8), 20,116. | | Landmark, Sioux City..... | 272 |
| Brighton, Brighton | 64 | Landmark, Sioux City..... | 103 |
| Crawfordsville, Crawford'lle. | 45 | Sioux City, Sioux City..... | 103 |
| Dayton, Wellman | 149 | Trial, Moville | 532 |
| Orient, Ainsworth | 365 | Tyrian, Sioux City..... | 508 |
| Richmond, Kalona | 96 | | |
| Tradition, Riverside | 359 | WORTH (1), 10,635. | |
| Victoria, Riverside | 516 | Northern Light, Northwood.. | 266 |
| Washington, Washington | 26 | | |
| WAYNE (9), 16,905. | | WRIGHT (5), 17,629. | |
| Advance, Allerton | 372 | Bower, Eagle Grove..... | 464 |
| Bethlehem, New York..... | 278 | Carnelian, Dows | 425 |
| Clay, Lewisburg | 193 | Cyrene, Clarion | 325 |
| Corydon, Corydon | 91 | Fountain City, Goldfield.... | 589 |
| Fidelity, Humeston | 228 | King Solomon, Belmond..... | 210 |
| Hiram Abiff, Lineville..... | 183 | | |
| Myrtle, Seymour | 355 | DAKOTA TERRITORY (6). | |
| Pyramid, Clio | 554 | Elk Point, Elk Point..... | 288 |
| Vernon, Promise City..... | 410 | Incense, Vermillion | 257 |
| WEBSTER (5), 33,425. | | Minnehaha, Sioux Falls..... | 328 |
| Ashlar, Ft. Dodge..... | 111 | Mt. Zion, Springfield..... | 346 |
| Ivanhoe, Lehigh | 460 | St. John's, Yankton..... | 166 |
| Oak, Dayton | 531 | Silver Star, Canton..... | 345 |
| | | | |
| | | NEBRASKA (1). | |
| | | Capital, Omaha | 101 |

VIII. OFFICERS (ELECTIVE) OF THE GRAND LODGE FROM ITS
ORGANIZATION, 1844 TO 1909.

GRAND MASTERS (43). A.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| <i>Oliver Cock</i> | Burlington | 1 | 1844 | Died April 11, 1861 |
| <i>George W. McCleary</i> ... | Wapello..... | 5 | 1846 | Died Feb. 1, 1873 |
| <i>Ansel Humphreys</i> | Muscatine..... | 2 | 1847 | Died April 21, 1873 |
| <i>William D. McCord</i> | Burlington | 1 | 1850 | Died April 20, 1862 |
| <i>Theodore Sutton Parvin</i> | Muscatine..... | 2 | 1852 | Died June 28, 1901 |
| <i>Ansel Humphreys</i> | Muscatine..... | 2 | 1853 | Died April 21, 1873 |
| <i>James Latimus Hogin</i> . | Sigourney | 32 | 1854 | Died Dec. 17, 1876 |
| <i>Aylett Raines Cotton</i> ... | DeWitt | 34 | 1855 | Rem'd to San Fran- |
| | Lyons..... | 93 | | cisco, Cal., 1883. |
| <i>John F. Sanford, M. D.</i> | Keokuk..... | 29 | 1856 | Died Aug. 1, 1874 |
| JAMES RUSH HARTSOCK | Iowa City..... | 4 | 1858 | Exp'l'd June 4, 1884 |
| | | | | Died March 8, 1894 |
| <i>Thos. Hart Benton, Jr.</i> | Council Bluffs. | 71 | 1860 | Died April 10, 1879 |
| <i>Ed. A. Guilbert, M. D.</i> | Dubuque | 3 | 1863 | Died March 4, 1900 |
| <i>Campbell Kennedy Peck</i> | Keokuk..... | 29 | 1866 | Died Dec. 2, 1879 |
| <i>Reuben Mickel</i> | Montezuma ... | 52 | 1867 | Died Dec. 13, 1886 |
| <i>John Scott</i> | Nevada..... | 99 | 1869 | Died Sept. 23, 1903 |
| <i>Ozias Phelps Waters</i> ... | Muscatine..... | 30 | 1871 | Died June 28, 1888 |
| <i>Joseph Chapman</i> | Dubuque | 125 | 1873 | Dem'd Nov. 16, 1894 |
| | | | | Removed to Paines- |
| | | | | ville, Ohio, 1886. |
| Henry William Rothert | Keokuk | 12 | 1875 | ..... |
| | Council Bluffs. | | | |
| <i>Zephaniah Caleb Luse</i> .. | Iowa City.... | 4 | 1877 | Died June 20, 1897 |
| <i>Jeremiah Wright Wilson</i> | Newton..... | 59 | 1878 | Died May 6, 1887 |
| <i>Albert Cutler Abbott</i> | Marshalltown. | 108 | 1879 | Died Jan. 8, 1903 |
| <i>John N. McClanahan</i> .. | Chariton | 63 | 1880 | Died Nov. 30, 1904 |
| <i>George Banta Van Saun</i> | Cedar Falls... | 65 | 1881 | Died Dec. 19, 1904 |
| <i>Charles T. Granger</i> | Waukon | 154 | 1884 | ..... |
| <i>William Paget Allen</i> ... | Dubuque | 49 | 1886 | Died March 24, 1898 |
| <i>Edwin C. Blackmar</i> | Burlington | 318 | 1887 | Died Oct. 7, 1900 |
| <i>James DeKalb Gamble</i> .. | Knoxville | 61 | 1889 | ..... |
| <i>Ralph Gurley Phelps</i> .. | Atlantic..... | 271 | 1891 | Died March 10, 1898 |
| <i>Liberty Eaton Fellows</i> .. | Lansing. | 144 | 1893 | ..... |
| <i>George Washington Ball</i> | Iowa City..... | 4 | 1895 | ..... |
| <i>Almon Ralph Dewey</i> ... | Washington... | 26 | 1897 | Died April 15, 1905 |
| <i>Cromwell Bowen</i> | Des Moines.... | 110 | 1898 | ..... |
| <i>Thomas Lambert</i> | Sabula | 169 | 1899 | ..... |
| <i>Willard Lee Eaton</i> | Osage | 102 | 1900 | ..... |
| <i>Lewis Jackson Baker</i> .. | Ottumwa | 16 | 1901 | ..... |
| <i>Willis Smith Gardner</i> .. | Clinton..... | 100 | 1902 | ..... |
| <i>Charles Clapp Clark</i> | Burlington | 318 | 1903 | ..... |
| <i>Sumner Miller</i> | Guttenberg.... | 147 | 1904 | ..... |
| <i>William Henry Norris</i> .. | Manchester... | 165 | 1905 | ..... |
| <i>William F. Cleveland</i> .. | Harlan..... | 321 | 1906 | ..... |
| <i>Rollin Madison Hunter</i> .. | Sibley..... | 331 | 1907 | ..... |
| <i>Philo J. Martin</i> | Waterloo..... | 105 | 1908 | ..... |
| <i>David W. Clements</i> | West Union... | 69 | 1909 | ..... |

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS (60). B.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Timothy Fanning</i> | Dubuque | 3 | 1844 | Died Feb. 17, 1863 |
| <i>Ansel Humphreys</i> | Muscatine..... | 2 | 1845 | Died April 21, 1873 |
| <i>William Reynolds</i> | Iowa City.... | 4 | 1846 | Died June 4, 1863 |
| <i>J. P. Lancaster</i> | Dubuque | 3 | 1847 | Died ——— —, ——— |
| <i>Stephen Hempstead</i> | Dubuque | 3 | 1848 | Died Feb. 16, 1883 |
| <i>William Henry Wallace</i> | Mt. Pleasant.. | 8 | 1849 | Died Feb. 8, 1879 |
| <i>John Bell</i> | Wapello..... | 5 | 1850 | Died Feb. 4, 1888 |
| <i>John Claypoole</i> | Ft. Madison... | 13 | 1851 | Died Aug. 15, 1866 |
| <i>James F. Gilliam</i> | Dubuque | 3 | 1852 | Rem. to Missouri. |
| <i>Thomas M. Williams</i> .. | Burlington | 1 | 1854 | Died Dec. 13, 1856 |
| <i>John Young Hopkins</i> .. | Oskaloosa | 18 | 1855 | Died July 16, 1877 |
| <i>John J. Adams</i> | Ottumwa | 16 | 1856 | Died Aug. 15, 1890 |
| <i>John Scott</i> | Nevada | 99 | 1858 | Died Sept. 23, 1903 |
| <i>William M. Stone</i> | Knoxville | 61 | 1860 | Died Jan. 18, 1893 |
| <i>Edward A. Guilbert</i> ... | Dubuque | 3 | 1861 | Died March 4, 1900 |
| <i>Campbell K. Peck</i> | Keokuk. | 29 | 1862 | Died Dec. 2, 1879 |
| <i>Reuben Mickel</i> | Montezuma ... | 52 | 1864 | Died Dec. 13, 1886 |
| JAMES LYSANDER ENOS | Cedar Rapids . | 25 | 1865 | Expld. Nov. 27, 1875 |
| | | | | Died ——— —, 1903 |
| <i>Simeon D. Welling</i> | Des Moines ... | 22 | 1866 | Died Feb. 11, 1890 |
| <i>Joseph Chapman</i> | Dubuque | 125 | 1867 | Dem'd Nov. 16, 1894 |
| | | | | Rem. to Painesville, Ohio, 1890. |
| William Lazzell Smith. | Mt. Pleasant.. | 207 | 1868 | Dem'd Apr. 4, 1876 |
| | | | | Rem. to Kansas. |
| <i>William P. Allen</i> | Dubuque | 49 | 1869 | Died March 24, 1898 |
| <i>Ozias P. Waters</i> | Muscatine..... | 30 | 1870 | Died June 28, 1888 |
| <i>Henry Rowe Kendig</i> ... | Oskaloosa | 18 | 1871 | ..... |
| <i>G. Washington Lininger</i> | Council Bluffs. | 259 | 1872 | Died June 8, 1907 |
| <i>Chas. Schaeffer Streeper</i> | Davenport ... | 37 | 1873 | Rem. to Chicago. |
| <i>David Seavey Deering</i> . | Independence | 87 | 1874 | Died Sept. 21, 1902 |
| <i>Cyrus Haskell Shaw</i> ... | Gilman | 338 | 1875 | Died March 15, 1909 |
| | Marshalltown. | 108 | | |
| Norton Fillmore Story. | Council Bluffs. | 259 | 1876 | Dem'd Apr. 14, 1884 |
| | | | | Rem. to California. |
| David Young Collins... | Chariton | 63 | 1877 | S. N. P. D. Dec. 26, 1895 |
| | | | | Rem. Spencer, Col. |
| <i>Watson Emery Webster</i> . | Clarinda | 140 | 1878 | Died Jan. 8, 1882 |
| <i>Cromwell Bowen</i> | Des Moines ... | 110 | 1879 | ..... |
| <i>Cyrus Bristol Osborne</i> .. | Atlantic | 271 | 1880 | ..... |
| WM WALLACE DOUGLAS | Ottumwa . . . | 16 | 1881 | Expeld. Jan. 4, 1894 |
| <i>Charles T. Granger</i> . . . | Waukon | 154 | 1882 | ..... |
| <i>Lafe Young</i> | Atlantic | 271 | 1884 | ..... |
| | Des Moines ... | 370 | | |
| George M. Van Leuven | Lime Springs. | 214 | 1885 | ..... |
| | Osage | 102 | | |
| <i>John Edward Howe</i> ... | Greenfield | 386 | 1886 | ..... |
| <i>J. Francis Martin</i> | Nevada | 292 | 1887 | ..... |
| <i>Frank Martin Howard</i> . | Carroll..... | 264 | 1888 | ..... |
| | Clinton | 255 | | |
| <i>Ralph Gurley Phelps</i> .. | Atlantic | 271 | 1889 | Died March 10, 1898 |
| <i>Marcellus L. Temple</i> ... | Osceola | 77 | 1891 | Dem'd Dec. 18, 1907 |
| <i>Almon Ralph Dewey</i> ... | Washington .. | 26 | 1892 | Died April 15, 1905 |

SENIOR GRAND WARDENS (60). B.—CONTINUED.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|---|
| Amos Norris Alberson . | Washington .. | 26 | 1893 | ..... |
| Samuel Perry Barr..... | Eagle Grove .. | 464 | 1894 | ..... |
| | Des Moines... | | | |
| Willis Smith Gardner.. | Cinton..... | 100 | 1895 | ..... |
| Thomas Lambert | Sabula..... | 169 | 1896 | ..... |
| Arthur Allen Hugg.... | Oskaloosa | 18 | 1897 | Dem'd Dec. 8, 1905 Rem. Middleport, O. |
| Wilber Fisk Fidler..... | Davenport | 37 | 1898 | ..... |
| Rollin Madison Hunter | Sibley..... | 331 | 1899 | ..... |
| Sumner Miller... .. | Guttenberg... | 147 | 1900 | ..... |
| William Fiske Cleveland | Harlan | 321 | 1901 | ..... |
| William Henry Norris. | Manchester ... | 165 | 1902 | ..... |
| Philo J. Martin.. .. | Waterloo | 105 | 1903 | ..... |
| Frederick W. Craig.... | Des Moines ... | 110 | 1904 | ..... |
| Louis Block..... | Davenport ... | 208 | 1905 | ..... |
| David W. Clements.... | West Union... | 69 | 1906 | ..... |
| John Charles Crockett.. | Eldora | 117 | 1907 | ..... |
| William Hutchinson... | Alton | 537 | 1908 | ..... |
| Hugh W. Hughes..... | Burlington.... | 1 | 1909 | ..... |

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS (63). C.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <i>William Reynolds</i> | <i>Iowa City.....</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>1844</i> | <i>Died June 4, 1863</i> |
| <i>John Hawkins.....</i> | <i>Iowa City.....</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>1845</i> | <i>Died Jan. 4, 1851</i> |
| <i>John F. Kinney.....</i> | <i>Mt. Pleasant..</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>1846</i> | <i>Died Aug. 16, 1902</i> |
| <i>Pearley Jackson.....</i> | <i>Augusta.....</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>1847</i> | <i>Died Sept. 20, 1869</i> |
| <i>James Shepherd.....</i> | <i>Keosauqua....</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>1848</i> | <i>Died Sept. 14, 1880</i> |
| <i>James Lockwood Corse.</i> | <i>Burlington....</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>1849</i> | <i>Died March 19, 1868</i> |
| <i>John W. Patterson....</i> | <i>Keokuk.</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>1850</i> | <i>Died about 1891</i> |
| <i>A. R. Sparks.....</i> | <i>Fairfield</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>1851</i> | <i>Died ——— —, ———</i> |
| <i>Harry Fulton.....</i> | <i>Keokuk.....</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>1852</i> | <i>Dem'd Oct. 5, 1897</i> |
| <i>Norman Chipman</i> | <i>Washington...</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>1853</i> | <i>Died ——— —, 1882</i> |
| <i>Aylett R. Cotton.....</i> | <i>De Witt.....</i> | <i>34</i> | <i>1854</i> | <i>Rem. to San Fran-</i> |
| | <i>Lyons</i> | <i>93</i> | | <i>cisco, Cal., 1883</i> |
| <i>John F. Sanford.....</i> | <i>Keokuk.....</i> | <i>29</i> | <i>1855</i> | <i>Died Aug. 1, 1874</i> |
| <i>Horace Tuttle.....</i> | <i>Iowa City.....</i> | <i>31</i> | <i>1856</i> | <i>Died in Conn., 1882</i> |
| <i>John Craig.....</i> | <i>Mt. Pleasant..</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>1858</i> | <i>Dem'd May 11, 1900</i> |
| | | | | <i>Rem. Winfield, Ks.</i> |
| <i>Edward A. Guilbert...</i> | <i>Dubuque.. ...</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>1860</i> | <i>Died March 4, 1900</i> |
| <i>Joseph Merry Griffiths.</i> | <i>Des Moines ...</i> | <i>110</i> | <i>1861</i> | ..... |
| <i>Ormel Harley Watson.</i> | <i>Davenport</i> | <i>37</i> | <i>1862</i> | <i>Died Feb. 20, 1883</i> |
| <i>William J. Law.....</i> | <i>Bloomfield....</i> | <i>14</i> | <i>1863</i> | <i>Demitted, 1884</i> |
| <i>J. B. Atherton.....</i> | <i>Knoxville</i> | <i>61</i> | <i>1864</i> | <i>Died Aug. 6, 1872</i> |
| <i>Zephaniah C. Luse.....</i> | <i>Iowa City.....</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>1865</i> | <i>Died June 20, 1897</i> |
| <i>Wilber Emery Robinson</i> | <i>Dubuque</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>1866</i> | ..... |
| <i>Mortimer E. Gillette...</i> | <i>Burlington</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>1867</i> | <i>Died June 22, 1878</i> |
| <i>Andrew Reeder West..</i> | <i>Cedar Rapids..</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>1868</i> | <i>Died Nov. 25, 1895</i> |

JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS (63). C.—CONTINUED.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|---|
| William Jenkins Ross.. | Ottumwa . . . | 16 | 1869 | Rem. to Pretty Prairie, Kan. |
| <i>William Edward Miller</i> | Iowa City..... | 4 | 1870 | Died Nov. —, 1896 |
| <i>John Wood Gustine....</i> | Panora | 121 | 1871 | Died Oct. 7, 1885 |
| <i>George Banta Van Saun</i> | Cedar Falls ... | 65 | 1872 | Died Dec. 19, 1904 |
| <i>Edward Moore Laws..</i> | Osceola.. . . . | 77 | 1873 | Died Feb. 24, 1879 |
| <i>Joseph Lyman.....</i> | Council Bluffs. | 259 | 1874 | Died July 10, 1890 |
| Alfred Wingate..... | Des Moines ... | 110 | 1875 | ..... |
| Cyrus Haskell Phelps.. | Oskaloosa | 18 | 1871 | Dem'd Jan. 8, 1892 Rem. Akron, Col. |
| Henry Clay McNeil.... | Sioux City.... | 103 | 1877 | Dem'd Feb. 10, 1890 |
| Gardner D. McGraw... | Fairfield | 15 | 1878 | ..... |
| Noah Gillette Brown... | Bentonsport... | 47 | 1879 | ..... |
| <i>Thos. R. Ercanbrack ..</i> | Anamosa..... | 46 | 1880 | Died Aug. 4, 1901 |
| <i>Christopher S. Binckley.</i> | Des Moines ... | 370 | 1881 | Died May 30, 1890 |
| James DeKalb Gamble. | Knoxville | 61 | 1882 | ..... |
| Edgar Allen Charles. . | Cedar Rapids.. | 25 | 1884 | Dem'd Mar. 1, 1897 Removed Minne- apolis, Minn. |
| GEO. PAYSON WILSON. | Creston | 433 | 1885 | Exp'l'd June 2, 1891 |
| Sidney Smith | Sac City | 178 | 1886 | ..... |
| | Cedar Rapids.. | 25 | | Rem. Seattle, Wash. |
| George Washington Ball | Iowa City.... | 4 | 1887 | ..... |
| Liberty Eaton Fellows. | Lansing | 144 | 1888 | ..... |
| Lewis Jackson Baker .. | Ottumwa..... | 16 | 1889 | ..... |
| Marcellus L. Temple... | Osceola..... | 17 | 1890 | Dem'd Dec. 18, 1907 |
| Joseph Edward Nye... | West Union... | 69 | 1891 | ..... |
| | Manchester ... | | | |
| Willard Lee Eaton | Osage | 102 | 1892 | ..... |
| <i>Thomas Biglow Lacey.</i> | Council Bluffs. | 71 | 1893 | Died March 24, 1907 |
| <i>William Elsom.....</i> | Cedar Rapids.. | 25 | 1894 | Died Oct. 9, 1900 |
| William Lewis Ehlers.. | Correctionville | 474 | 1895 | ..... |
| | Sioux City.... | | | |
| Charles Clapp Clark ... | Burlington.... | 318 | 1896 | ..... |
| Gilbert Baldwin | Ruthven | 487 | 1897 | ..... |
| Geo. Washington Lipe. | Council Bluffs. | 71 | 1898 | ..... |
| William Elmer Randall | Mason City ... | 145 | 1899 | ..... |
| James Edward Bruce.. | Anita | 380 | 1900 | ..... |
| | Atlantic..... | | | |
| Marquis Edw. Lowther | Centerville.... | 42 | 1901 | Dem'd Apr. 10, 1908 |
| John Craig Dunlavy... | Sioux City | 508 | 1902 | ..... |
| Thomas Arthur..... | Logan..... | 420 | 1903 | ..... |
| Frank B. Whitaker.... | Hillsboro.. . . | 541 | 1904 | ..... |
| Charles Emerson. | Creston | 522 | 1905 | ..... |
| Frank Seward Moses... | Clinton | 255 | 1906 | ..... |
| Charles Wesley Walton. | Dubuque | 49 | 1907 | ..... |
| Frank F. Wood..... | Des Moines ... | 370 | 1908 | ..... |
| Chas. DeWitt Becker... | Waterloo..... | 105 | 1909 | ..... |

GRAND TREASURERS (62). D.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|--|---------------------|-------|----------------|--|
| <i>Benjamin S. Olds</i> | Muscatine | 2 | 1844 | Died Nov. 22, 1862 |
| <i>John Hawkins</i> | Iowa City | 4 | 1847 | Died Jan. 4, 1851 |
| <i>Benjamin S. Olds</i> | Muscatine | 2 | 1848 | Died Nov. 22, 1862 |
| <i>Andrew J. Fimple</i> | Muscatine | 2 | 1849 | App'ted <i>vice</i> Olds, demit'd Died March 18, 1880 |
| <i>William Leffingwell</i> | Muscatine | 2 | 1849 | Died Oct. 23, 1876 |
| <i>Barnet Restine</i> | Fairfield | 15 | 1850 | Died Sept. 5, 1853 |
| <i>L. B. Fleak</i> | Fairfield | 15 | 1852 | Died March 4, 1890 |
| <i>William E. Sargent</i> | Fairfield | 15 | 1854 | Died May 4, 1885 |
| | Centerville | 42 | | |
| <i>John Claypoole</i> | Ft. Madison . . . | 13 | 1855 | Died Aug. 15, 1866 |
| <i>William D. Treblecock</i> . . . | Washington . . . | 26 | 1856 | Died April 3, 1860 |
| <i>Wilson T. Smith</i> | Des Moines . . . | 22 | 1857 | Dem'd Aug. 29, 1868 Rem. to San Francisco, Cal., 1886 |
| <i>Lovell White</i> | Des Moines . . . | 22 | 1858 | Rem. to San Francisco, Cal., 1875 |
| <i>Charles Stewart Ells</i> | Davenport | 37 | 1860 | Dem'd Aug. 9, 1875 Rem. to Grand View, Tenn. |
| <i>Kimball Porter</i> | Iowa City | 4 | 1861 | Died June 27, 1863 |
| <i>S. A. Bishop</i> | Cedar Falls . . . | 65 | 1862 | ..... |
| <i>R. K. McMaster</i> | Des Moines . . . | 22 | 1863 | Died Nov. 15, 1874 |
| <i>William E. Woodward</i> | Burlington | 20 | 1864 | Died Aug. 9, 1888 |
| <i>Thomas Mercer</i> | Marshalltown . . | 108 | 1865 | Died in Cal., 1881 |
| <i>William Dalton Clarke</i> | Davenport | 37 | 1866 | Dem'd Dec. 1, 1873 Removed to Springfield, Ill., 1885 |
| <i>William Francis Kidder</i> | Davenport | 208 | 1867 | Died Dec. 14, 1872 |
| <i>Henry W. Rothert</i> | Keokuk | 12 | 1868 | ..... |
| | Council Bluffs . . | | | |
| <i>John Wallace Jamison</i> | Davenport | 37 | 1869 | ..... |
| <i>Jeremiah W. Wilson</i> | Newton | 59 | 1870 | Died May 6, 1887 |
| <i>Turton Joshua Copp</i> | Burlington | 1 | 1871 | Died June 28, 1892 |
| <i>Joseph S. Halliday</i> | Burlington | 20 | 1872 | Died. |
| <i>Joseph Abraham Hursh</i> | Iowa City | 31 | 1873 | S. N. P. D. Dec. 21, 1896 Rem. Girard, Kan. |
| <i>John Hilsinger</i> | Sabula | 169 | 1874 | Died March 26, 1906 |
| <i>William Aloysius Colton</i> | Des Moines . . . | 22 | 1875 | Died Nov. 12, 1899 |
| <i>John N. McClanahan</i> | Chariton | 63 | 1876 | Died Nov. 30, 1904 |
| <i>Irving Alonzo Keck</i> | Sigourney | 182 | 1877 | Dem'd Aug. 30, 1887 Rem. to Bowling Green, Fla. |
| <i>James A. Thompson</i> | Washington . . . | 26 | 1878 | Died July 18, 1880 |
| <i>Lucien Caleb Blanchard</i> | Oskaloosa | 18 | 1879 | Died March 1, 1908 |
| <i>Edwin C. Blackmar</i> | Burlington | 318 | 1880 | Died Oct. 7, 1900 |
| <i>Horatio Gates Cilley</i> | Glenwood | 58 | 1881 | Died April 2, 1904 |
| <i>Phillip Schaller</i> | Sac City | 178 | 1882 | ..... |
| <i>Charles West Fracker</i> | Marshalltown . . | 108 | 1883 | ..... |
| | Des Moines . . . | 22 | | |
| <i>John Marion Zane</i> | Sac City | 178 | 1884 | ..... |
| | Des Moines . . . | 110 | | |

GRAND TREASURERS (62). D.—CONTINUED.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | Lodge | Year Elec'd | REMARKS. |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|---|
| George Barrows Swan.. | Davenport | 37 | 1885 | S. N. P. D. Dec. 4, 1899 Rem. Rock Island, Illinois. |
| George Slack Murphy.. | Jesup | 222 | 1886 | Dem'd Dec. 11, 1886 Rem. to Manhat- tan, Kan. |
| Rufus Elbridge Graves. | Dubuque | 125 | 1887 | S. N. P. D. July 14, 1892 Rem. to Tuscon, Arizona, 1889 |
| Francis Hanmer Loring | Oskaloosa | 18 | 1888 | ..... |
| <i>Samuel Cooper Dunn</i> .. | Muscatine..... | 37 | 1889 | Died Jan. 4, 1899 |
| William Dignam Irvine | Sioux City.... | 508 | 1890 | ..... |
| Frank Wilbur Chase... | Osage | 102 | 1891 | ..... |
| | Des Moines ... | | | |
| Edmund Jackson | What Cheer... 242 | 1892 | | Dem'd April 24, 1894 Rem. to Dixon, Ill.. |
| Herbert B. Wyman.... | Sheldon | 376 | 1893 | ..... |
| | Des Moines ... | | | |
| Jacob Rutledge Bates.. | Stuart..... | 304 | 1894 | Rem. Ontario, Can. |
| Harry T. Blackburn ... | Des Moines ... | 110 | 1895 | ..... |
| Jerome M. Woodworth. | Marshalltown. 486 | 1896 |  | ..... |
| | Perry | 299 | | |
| | Grinnell | | | |
| Charles Hox Slocum... | Primghar | 496 | 1897 | Rem. to Boulder, Colorado |
| Almor Stern | Logan | 420 | 1898 | ..... |
| Ora Lee Wright.. | Knoxville | 61 | 1899 | ..... |
| <i>Martin Peter Miller</i> | Washington... 26 | 1900 | | Died Feb. 6, 1904 |
| Charles Burdick Mills.. | Sioux Rapids.. 332 | 1901 |  | ..... |
| | Clinton | 255 | | |
| Elmer Cameron Abbey. | Garner..... | 319 | 1902 | ..... |
| Tuillar Jacques Davis.. | Marion.. | 6 | 1903 | ..... |
| Charles Shade..... | Rock Rapids.. 406 | 1904 |  | ..... |
| Milo Delavan Gibbs.... | Alton | 537 | 1905 | ..... |
| William Henry Young. | Hedrick..... | 485 | 1906 | ..... |
| John Harrie Thatcher.. | Ruthven..... | 487 | 1907 | ..... |
| Wm. G. Newsome | Sabula | 169 | 1908 | ..... |
| Chas. Edward Narey .. | Spirit Lake ... 329 | 1909 |  | ..... |

IX. LODGES ARRANGED NUMERICALLY, WITH DATES OF DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

NOVEMBER 20, 1840, TO JUNE 3, 1909.

Those in *italics* are extinct.

| No. | Name of Lodge. | Town. | County. | Date of Dispensation. | Date of Charter |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | DES MOINES*.. | Burlington... | Des Moines... | Nov. 20, 1840 | Oct. 20, 1841 |
| 2 | IOWA*..... | Muscatine. | Muscatine..... | Feb. 4, 1841 | " 20, " |
| 3 | DUBUQUE*..... | Dubuque..... | Dubuque..... | Oct. 10, 1842 | " 10, 1843 |
| 4 | IOWA CITY*.... | Iowa City..... | Johnson..... | Oct. 10, " | " 10, " |
| 5 | Wapello..... | Wapello..... | Louisa..... | Jan. 10, 1844 | Jan. 8, 1845 |
| 6 | Marion..... | Marion..... | Linn..... | Feb. 6, " | " 8, " |
| 7 | Hiram..... | Augusta..... | Des Moines... | April 16, " | " 8, " |
| 8 | Mt. Pleasant.... | Mt. Pleasant .. | Henry..... | Sept. 13, " | " 8, " |
| 9 | Farmington..... | Farmington... | Van Buren.... |1845 | " 8, 1846 |
| 10 | Keosauqua..... | Keosauqua..... | Van Buren.... | ..... | " 8, " |
| 11 | Cedar..... | Tipton..... | Cedar..... | April 7, 1846 | June 2, 1847 |
| 12 | Eagle..... | Keokuk..... | Lee..... | April 23, " | " 2, " |
| 13 | Claypoole..... | Ft. Madison... | Lee..... | April 23, " | " 2, " |
| 14 | Franklin..... | Bloomfield.... | Davis..... | July 28, 1847 | " 7, 1848 |
| 15 | Clinton..... | Fairfield. | Jefferson..... | August 27, " | " 7, " |
| 16 | Ottumwa..... | Ottumwa..... | Wapello..... | May 5, 1848 | " 7, " |
| 17 | Salem..... | Salem..... | Henry..... | Nov. 17, " | " 7, 1849 |
| 18 | Tri Luminar.... | Oskaloosa..... | Mahaska..... | Jan. 16, 1849 | " 7, " |
| 19 | St John's..... | Lyons..... | Clinton..... | Sept. 3, " | " 7, 1850 |
| 20 | Burlington..... | Burlington... | Des Moines... | Nov. 30, " | " 7, " |
| 21 | Olive Branch.... | Agency City... | Wapello..... | May 6, 1850 | " 7, " |
| 22 | Pioneer..... | Des Moines... | Polk..... | Jan. 16, " | " 7, " |
| 23 | Grand View..... | Grand View.... | Louisa..... | August 9, 1849 | " 7, " |
| 24 | Golden Rule.... | Rochester..... | Cedar..... | August 14, 1850 | " 4, 1851 |
| 25 | Crescent..... | Cedar Rapids.. | Linn..... | Nov. 23, " | " 4, " |
| 26 | Washington..... | Washington.. | Washington... | ..... | " 4, " |
| 27 | Mt. Moriah..... | Farmington... | Van Buren.... | Feb. 3, 1851 | " 4, " |
| 28 | New London.... | New London... | Henry..... | Feb. 3, " | " 4, " |
| 29 | Hardin..... | Keokuk..... | Lee..... | July 4, " | " 2, 1852 |
| 30 | Hawkeye..... | Muscatine..... | Muscatine..... | Sept. 8, " | " 2, " |
| 31 | Zion..... | Iowa City..... | Johnson..... | Dec. 19, " | " 2, " |
| 32 | Hogin..... | Sigourney..... | Keokuk..... | April 21, " | " 2, " |
| 33 | Winchester..... | Winchester.... | Van Buren.... | Nov. 26, " | " 2, " |
| 34 | De Witt..... | De Witt..... | Clinton..... | Dec. 4, " | " 2, " |
| 35 | Kirkville..... | Fremont..... | Mahaska..... | Nov. 14, " | " 2, " |
| 36 | Helion..... | Maquoketa.... | Jackson..... | May 8, " | " 8, 1853 |
| 37 | Davenport..... | Davenport.... | Scott..... | Sept. 10, " | " 8, " |
| 38 | Richland..... | Richland..... | Keokuk..... | July 7, 1852 | " 8, " |
| 39 | Union..... | Sabula..... | Jackson..... | Sept. 15, " | " 8, " |
| 40 | Troy..... | Troy..... | Davis..... | Oct. 19, " | " 8, " |
| 41 | Liberty..... | Libertyville... | Jefferson..... | May 20, 1853 | " 8, " |
| 42 | Jackson..... | Centerville.... | Appanoose.... | June..... | " 8, 1854 |
| 43 | Evening Star... | Winterset..... | Madison..... | July 22, " | " 8, " |
| 44 | Snow..... | Le Claire..... | Scott..... | Jan. 14, 1854 | " 8, " |
| 45 | Crawfordsville.. | Crawfordsville. | Washington... | ..... | " 8, " |
| 46 | Anamosa..... | Anamosa..... | Jones..... | ..... | " 8, " |
| 47 | Bentonsport..... | Bentonsport.. | Van Buren.... | April 8, " | " 6, 1855 |
| 48 | Danville..... | Danville..... | Des Moines... | June 10, " | " 6, " |
| 49 | Metropolitan... | Dubuque..... | Dubuque..... | June 26, " | " 6, " |
| 50 | Aurora..... | Milton..... | Van Buren.... | July 12, " | " 6, " |
| 51 | Bellevue..... | Bellevue..... | Jackson..... | July 12, " | " 6, " |
| 52 | Lafayette..... | Montezuma .. | Poweshiek.... | Sept. 26, " | " 6, " |
| 53 | Warren..... | Indianola..... | Warren..... | Oct. 30, " | " 6, " |
| 54 | SeEVERS..... | Oskaloosa..... | Mahaska..... | Dec. 8, " | " 6, " |
| 55 | Pella..... | Pella..... | Marion..... | Dec. 8, " | " 6, " |
| 56 | Birmingham.... | Birmingham | Van Buren.... | Dec. 8, " | " 6, " |
| 57 | Tuscan..... | Davenport.... | Scott..... | Dec. 28, " | " 6, " |
| 58 | Glenwood..... | Glenwood..... | Mills..... | March 6, 1855 | " 6, " |
| 59 | Newton..... | Newton..... | Jasper..... | April 20, " | " 6, " |
| 60 | Camanche..... | Camanche..... | Clinton..... | April 4, " | " 6, " |
| 61 | Oriental..... | Knoxville..... | Marion..... | May 4, " | " 6, " |
| 62 | Vinton..... | Vinton..... | Benton..... | May 11, 1854 | " 6, " |
| 63 | Chariton..... | Chariton..... | Lucas..... | May 27, " | " 6, " |
| 64 | Brighton..... | Brighton..... | Washington.. | Jan. 15, " | " 6, " |
| 65 | Blackhawk..... | Cedar Falls.... | Blackhawk.... | April 22, " | " 6, " |
| 66 | Union Band..... | Frankville.... | Winneshiek... | Sept. 26, " | " 6, " |

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| No. | Name of Lodge. | Town. | County. | Date of Dispensation. | Date of Charter |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 67 | Constellation.... | Colesburg | Delaware..... | August 24, 1854 | June 6, 1855 |
| 68 | Glasgow | Glasgow | Jefferson | Sept. 23, " | " 4, 1856 |
| 69 | West Union | West Union .. | Fayette..... | March 3, 1855 | " 4, " |
| 70 | Clayton | Monona | Clayton | March 5, " | " 4, " |
| 71 | Bluff City..... | Council Bluffs | Pottawattamie | June 8, " | " 4, " |
| 72 | Elkader | Elkader | Clayton | June 8, " | " 4, " |
| 73 | Bonaparte..... | Bonaparte..... | Van Buren.... | June 8, " | " 4, " |
| 74 | Eddyville | Eddyville | Wapello | June 8, " | " 4, " |
| 75 | West Point | West Point.... | Lee | June 14, " | " 4, " |
| 76 | Albia | Albia | Monroe..... | " " | " 4, " |
| 77 | Osceola..... | Osceola..... | Clarke..... | July 12, " | " 4, " |
| 78 | Grand River.... | Leon | Decatur | August 22, " | " 4, " |
| 79 | Mt. Olive..... | Boone | Boone | Sept. 15, " | " 4, " |
| 80 | Adel..... | Adel..... | Dallas | Sept. 22, " | " 4, " |
| 81 | Benton City.... | Shellsburg | Benton | Oct. 31, " | " 4, " |
| 82 | Homer | Webster City.. | Hamilton | Nov. 24, " | " 4, " |
| 83 | Hartford | Hartford | Warren..... | Dec. 20, " | " 4, " |
| 84 | Epworth..... | Epworth | Dubuque | Jan. 15, 1856 | " 4, " |
| 85 | Parvin | Rossville | Allamakee .. | Jan. 15, " | " 4, " |
| 86 | Jefferson | Drakesville... | Davis..... | Jan. 22, " | " 4, " |
| 87 | Independence... | Independence. | Buchanan | Feb. 29, " | " 4, " |
| 88 | Monroe | Monroe..... | Jasper | March 5, " | " 4, " |
| 89 | Eureka | Iowaville. | Van Buren.... | April 2, " | " 4, " |
| 90 | Garnavillo | Garnavillo | Clayton | May 7, 1855 | " 4, " |
| 91 | Corydon..... | Corydon | Wayne | Jan. 1, 1856 | " 3, 1857 |
| 92 | Delhi | Delhi. | Delaware .. | Nov. 24, 1855 | " 3, " |
| 93 | Lyons | Lyons | Clinton..... | " " | " 3, " |
| 94 | Butler | Clarksville | Butler | Jan. 10, 1856 | " 3, " |
| 95 | Mt. Calvary | West Liberty.. | Muscatine | July 9, " | " 3, " |
| 96 | Richmond..... | Kalona | Washington .. | July 21, " | " 3, " |
| 97 | Marietta..... | Marietta..... | Marshall | Oct. 13, " | " 3, " |
| 98 | Decorah..... | Decorah..... | Winneshiek ... | Nov. 3, " | " 3, " |
| 99 | Nevada..... | Nevada..... | Story | Jan. 15, 1857 | " 3, " |
| 100 | Western Star.... | Clinton..... | Clinton..... | Dec. 16, 1856 | " 3, " |
| 101 | Capital..... | Omaha | Nebraska..... | Jan. 9, 1857 | " 3, " |
| 102 | Osage..... | Osage..... | Mitchell | Feb. 2, " | " 3, " |
| 103 | Landmark | Sioux City.... | Woodbury.... | March 9, " | " 3, " |
| 104 | Abingdon | Abingdon | Jefferson..... | March 24, " | " 3, " |
| 105 | Waterloo | Waterloo..... | Blackhawk.... | April 13, " | " 3, " |
| 106 | Martinsburg.... | Martinsburg... | Keokuk | Oct. 20, 1856 | " 2, 1858 |
| 107 | Columbus City.. | Columbus June | Louisa | Feb. 24, 1857 | " 2, " |
| 108 | Marshall | Marshalltown.. | Marshall | May 2, " | " 2, " |
| 109 | Decatur | Decatur City.. | Decatur | June 10, " | " 2, " |
| 110 | Capital | Des Moines.... | Polk..... | June 15, " | " 2, " |
| 111 | Ashlar | Ft. Dodge | Webster | July 10, " | " 2, " |
| 112 | Mt. Vernon..... | Mt. Vernon ... | Linn | July 26, " | " 2, " |
| 113 | Polar Star..... | Le Grand..... | Marshall | August 4, " | " 2, " |
| 114 | Marengo | Marengo | Iowa | August 21, " | " 2, " |
| 115 | Star | Madrid | Boone | August 27, " | " 2, " |
| 116 | Tyrrell | Waverly | Bremer..... | Sept. 10, " | " 2, " |
| 117 | Montague | Eldora..... | Hardin | Oct. 10, " | " 2, " |
| 118 | Toledo | Toledo | Tama | Oct. 13, " | " 2, " |
| 119 | Unionville | Unionville | Appanoose | Oct. 16, " | " 2, " |
| 120 | Adoniram | Wayland | Henry | Oct. 16, " | " 2, " |
| 121 | Panora | Panora | Guthrie | Oct. 16, " | " 2, " |
| 122 | Ionic | Atalissa | Muscatine.... | Nov. 27, " | " 2, " |
| 123 | Orange | Guthrie Center | Guthrie | Dec. 5, " | " 2, " |
| 124 | Lovilia | Lovilia..... | Monroe..... | Dec. 14, " | " 2, " |
| 125 | Mosaic | Dubuque | Dubuque | March 18, 1858 | " 2, " |
| 126 | Magnolia..... | Magnolia..... | Harrison | April 5, " | " 2, " |
| 127 | Cascade | Cascade | Dubuque | April 19, " | " 2, " |
| 128 | Pleasant | Pleasantville.. | Marion | April 15, " | " 2, " |
| 129 | Bradford | Nashua..... | Chickasaw | Dec. 15, 1857 | " 2, " |
| 130 | Strawberry Point | Strawberry Pt. | Clayton | Dec. 14, " | " 2, " |
| 131 | Equity | Janesville | Bremer..... | March 9, " | " 2, " |
| 132 | Orion | Dyersville..... | Dubuque | Nov. 12, " | " 2, " |
| 133 | Bellair | Numa | Appanoose | August 27, " | " 2, " |
| 134 | Harmony | Mitchell | Mitchell | Feb. 25, 1866 | " 2, " |
| 135 | Bezer..... | McGregor | Clayton | Jan. 24, 1857 | " 2, " |
| 136 | Joppa | Montrose..... | Lee | April 5, 1858 | " 8, 1859 |
| 137 | Lewis | Lewis | Cass | June 5, " | " 8, " |
| 138 | Fontanelle | Fontanelle | Adair..... | June 7, " | " 8, " |

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| No. | Name of Lodge. | Town. | County. | Date of Dispensation. | Date of Charter |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 139 | Springville | Springville | Linn | July 13, 1858 | June 8, 1859 |
| 140 | Nodaway | Clarinda | Page | August 10, " | " 8, " |
| 141 | St. Charles | Charles City ... | Floyd | Sept. 10, " | " 8, " |
| 142 | Vienna | Center Point.. | Linn | Sept. 25, " | " 8, " |
| 143 | <i>Palestine</i> | Millersburg ... | Iowa | Oct. 5, " | " 8, " |
| 144 | Evergreen | Lansing | Allamakee ... | Jan. 11, 1859 | " 8, " |
| 145 | Benevolence | Mason City.... | Cerro Gordo. . | April 26, " | " 8, 1860 |
| 146 | <i>Talleyrand</i> | Talleyrand | Keokuk | April 5, " | " 8, " |
| 147 | Prairie la Porte. | Guttenberg.... | Clayton | August 1, " | " 8, " |
| 148 | Fairbank | Fairbank | Buchanan..... | Nov. 6, " | " 8, " |
| 149 | Dayton | Wellman | Washington... | Nov. 14, " | " 8, " |
| 150 | Cresco | Cresco | Howard | Nov. 21, " | " 8, " |
| 151 | Afton..... | Afton..... | Union | Dec. 23, " | " 8, " |
| 152 | Inter-Ocean | Lacona | Warren..... | Dec. 26, " | " 8, " |
| 153 | Nishnabotany... | Sidney | Fremont | Jan. 4, 1860 | " 8, " |
| 154 | Waukon | Waukon | Allamakee..... | Jan. 5, " | " 8, " |
| 155 | Patmos | Mechanicsville | Cedar | Jan. 24, " | " 8, " |
| 156 | Taylor | Bedford | Taylor | Jan. 27, " | " 8, " |
| 157 | <i>Adams</i> | Quincy | Adams | Sept. 27, " | " 8, " |
| 158 | Wiscotta | Redfield | Dallas | June 14, 1859 | " 8, " |
| 159 | Morning Star.... | Jefferson | Greene | Jan. 5, 1860 | " 4, 1861 |
| 160 | Clermont | Clermont | Fayette..... | April 18, " | " 4, " |
| 161 | <i>Key City</i> | Dubuque | Dubuque | Sept. 20, " | " 4, " |
| 162 | Red Oak | Red Oak | Montgomery .. | Oct. 2, " | " 4, " |
| 163 | Bellefontaine ... | Tracy | Marion | Dec. 13, " | " 4, " |
| 164 | St. Clair | Norway | Benton | April 7, 1862 | " 3, 1863 |
| 165 | Manchester | Manchester ... | Delaware..... | August 1, " | " 3, " |
| 166 | <i>St. John's</i> | <i>Yankton</i> | <i>Dakota</i> | Dec. 5, " | " 3, " |
| 167 | Wilton | Wilton | Muscatine | April 21, 1863 | " 3, " |
| 168 | Farmers | Kinross | Keokuk | July 7, " | " 8, 1864 |
| 169 | Resurgam | Sabula | Jackson | March 5, " | " 8, " |
| 170 | Temple | Garden Grove. | Decatur ..... | ..... | " 7, 1865 |
| 171 | <i>Doric</i> | Morning Sun.. | Louisa | Oct. 30, " | " 7, " |
| 172 | National | Farmersburg .. | Clayton | Sept. 16, 1864 | " 7, " |
| 173 | Burns | Monticello | Jones | Jan. 1, 1865 | " 7, " |
| 174 | Corinthian | Brooklyn..... | Poweshiek | Jan. 3, " | " 7, " |
| 175 | Hope | Belle Plaine... | Benton | Feb. 17, " | " 7, " |
| 176 | Acacia | Webster City.. | Hamilton | March 15, " | " 7, " |
| 177 | <i>Euclid</i> | Clarence | Cedar ..... | ..... | " 7, " |
| 178 | Occidental | Sac City | Sac | June 10, " | " 6, 1866 |
| 179 | Faith | Mt. Ayr..... | Ringgold | June 13, " | " 6, " |
| 180 | <i>Pythagoras</i> | Lancaster | Keokuk | June 14, " | " 6, " |
| 181 | Great Lights.... | Decorah | Winneshiek ... | July 13, " | " 6, " |
| 182 | Webb | Sigourney | Keokuk | July 14, " | " 6, " |
| 183 | Hiram Abiff | Lineville | Wayne | Sept. 3, " | " 6, " |
| 184 | Zeredatha | Wheatland .. | Clinton..... | Sept. 6, " | " 6, " |
| 185 | Tyre..... | Columbia | Marion | Feb. 9, 1866 | " 6, " |
| 186 | <i>Amity</i> | Oskaloosa | Mahaska | April 12, " | " 6, " |
| 187 | Rising Sun..... | Hopkinton .. | Delaware..... | Jan. 8, " | " 6, " |
| 188 | Naphtali | South English. | Keokuk | August 10, 1865 | " 6, " |
| 189 | Emblem | Pleasanton | Decatur | Feb. 28, " | " 5, 1867 |
| 190 | Attentive Ear... | Sandyville | Warren..... | March 13, 1866 | " 5, " |
| 191 | Anchor | Hampton..... | Franklin | March 26, " | " 5, " |
| 192 | Masons Home... | Iowa Falls.... | Hardin | April 26, " | " 5, " |
| 193 | Clay | Lewisburg..... | Wayne | June 21, " | " 5, " |
| 194 | Fairview | Monroe..... | Jasper | June 25, " | " 5, " |
| 195 | Eastern Star.... | Humboldt..... | Humboldt..... | July 3, " | " 5, " |
| 196 | <i>Mystic Tie</i> | Prairie Grove. | Clarke | August 13, " | " 5, " |
| 197 | Charity | Coon Rapids... | Carroll | August 22, " | " 5, " |
| 198 | Kilwinning | Batavia | Jefferson | August 24, " | " 5, " |
| 199 | Lincoln | Blairstown ... | Benton | August 25, " | " 5, " |
| 200 | Anct. Landmark | Olin | Jones | Nov. 25, " | " 5, " |
| 201 | Jephtha | Auburn | Sac | Nov. 25, " | " 5, " |
| 202 | York | Arlington | Fayette | Dec. 18, " | " 5, " |
| 203 | Hiram of Tyre... | Tama City.... | Tama | Dec. 20, " | " 5, " |
| 204 | Brotherly Love.. | Postville | Allamakee ... | Jan. 1, 1867 | " 5, " |
| 205 | Prudence | Algona | Kossuth | Feb. 2, " | " 5, " |
| 206 | Keystone | Wyoming | Jones | Feb. 2, " | " 5, " |
| 207 | <i>Xenium</i> | Mt. Pleasant.. | Henry | Feb. 13, " | " 5, " |
| 208 | Trinity | Davenport | Scott | March 23, " | " 5, " |
| 209 | <i>Composite</i> | Boone | Boone | Sept. 20, 1866 | " 5, " |
| 210 | King Solomon... | Belmond | Wright | Oct. 10, " | " 5, " |

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| No. | Name of Lodge. | Town. | County. | Date of Dispensation. | | Date of Charter | |
|-----|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| 211 | Relief | Riceville | Mitchell..... | Jan. | 30, 1867 | June | 5, 1867 |
| 212 | Unity..... | Woodburn | Clarke..... | Jan. | 21, " | " | 5, " |
| 213 | Truth | Forest City ... | Winnebago ... | Jan. | 9, " | " | 5, " |
| 214 | Howard | Lime Springs.. | Howard | July | 11, 1866 | " | 3, 1868 |
| 215 | Concordia..... | Thayer | Union | March | 26, 1867 | " | 3, " |
| 216 | Trowel..... | La Porte City | Blackhawk.... | March | 27, " | " | 3, " |
| 217 | Quitman | Stiles | Davis | April | 8, " | " | 3, " |
| 218 | Preston..... | Prairie City... | Jasper | April | 8, " | " | 3, " |
| 219 | Fountain..... | Ackley | Hardin | July | 2, " | " | 3, " |
| 220 | <i>Yosemite</i> | Dale City | Guthrie..... | July | 22, " | " | 3, " |
| 221 | Fraternal | Davenport | Scott | August | 7, " | " | 3, " |
| 222 | Siloam | Jesup..... | Buchanan | August | 9, " | " | 3, " |
| 223 | Vesper | Onawa | Monona | August | 28, " | " | 3, " |
| 224 | <i>Cassia</i> | Farley..... | Dubuque | Oct. | 8, " | " | 3, " |
| 225 | Tadmor | Greeley..... | Delaware | Oct. | 19, " | " | 3, " |
| 226 | Progress..... | Mediapolis | Des Moines.... | Nov. | 9, " | " | 3, " |
| 227 | Lebanon | Lynnville | Jasper | Nov. | 12, " | " | 3, " |
| 228 | Fidelity | Humeston | Wayne | Dec. | 18, " | " | 3, " |
| 229 | Gavel..... | Attica | Marion | Jan. | 15, 1868 | " | 3, " |
| 230 | Justice | Ollie..... | Keokuk | Jan. | 21, " | " | 3, " |
| 231 | Social | Millersburg ... | Iowa | Jan. | 23, " | " | 3, " |
| 232 | Valley | Missouri Vall'y | Harrison | Feb. | 18, " | " | 3, " |
| 233 | Champion..... | Spring Hill.... | Warren | Feb. | 17, " | " | 2, 1869 |
| 234 | Silver Urn..... | Malvern..... | Mills | Feb. | 19, " | " | 2, " |
| 235 | Good Faith..... | Winfield..... | Henry | March | 2, " | " | 2, " |
| 236 | Toleration | Fremont | Mahaska | March | 17, " | " | 2, " |
| 237 | Arcturus | Ossian | Winneshiek .. | March | 23, " | " | 2, " |
| 238 | White Marble ... | North Liberty. | Johnson | April | 28, " | " | 2, " |
| 239 | Compass..... | Parkersburg... | Butler | May | 21, " | " | 2, " |
| 240 | Zerubbabel..... | Lake City..... | Calhoun | June | 8, " | " | 2, " |
| 241 | Kedron..... | Geneva..... | Franklin | June | 22, " | " | 2, " |
| 242 | Universe | What Cheer... | Keokuk | June | 22, " | " | 2, " |
| 243 | <i>Concord</i> | St. Ansgar..... | Mitchell | July | 15, " | " | 2, " |
| 244 | Hospitable | Dunlap | Harrison | July | 25, " | " | 2, " |
| 245 | Triangular | Letts | Louisa | July | 31, " | " | 2, " |
| 246 | <i>Good Will</i> | Bassett | Chickasaw | August | 14, " | " | 2, " |
| 247 | <i>Shiloh</i> | Winthrop | Buchanan | Oct. | 3, " | " | 2, " |
| 248 | Pleiades | Fayette..... | Fayette..... | Oct. | 10, " | " | 2, " |
| 249 | Arcadia | Ames | Story | Oct. | 15, " | " | 2, " |
| 250 | Verity | Clear Lake.... | Cerro Gordo... | Nov. | 19, " | " | 2, " |
| 251 | Corner Stone.... | Marble Rock.. | Floyd..... | Nov. | 24, " | " | 2, " |
| 252 | Antiquity | Moravia | Appanoose | Dec. | 16, " | " | 2, " |
| 253 | Jerusalem | Hamburg..... | Fremont | Dec. | 26, " | " | 2, " |
| 254 | Lily | Malcom | Poweshiek | Dec. | 26, " | " | 2, " |
| 255 | Emulation | Clinton..... | Clinton..... | Jan. | 8, 1869 | " | 2, " |
| 256 | Fortitude..... | Van Meter..... | Dallas | Jan. | 12, " | " | 2, " |
| 257 | <i>Incense</i> | <i>Vermillion</i> | <i>Dakota</i> | Jan. | 14, " | " | 2, " |
| 258 | Jordan | Moingona | Boone | Jan. | 25, " | " | 2, " |
| 259 | Excelsior..... | Council Bluffs. | Pottawattamie | Feb. | 1, " | " | 2, " |
| 260 | Industry | Rose Hill..... | Mahaska | Feb. | 10, " | " | 2, " |
| 261 | Escallop..... | Shell Rock.... | Butler | April | 3, " | " | 2, " |
| 262 | Equality | Steamboat R'k. | Hardin | Feb. | 10, " | " | 2, " |
| 263 | Mt. Hermon.... | Cedar Rapids.. | Linn | July | 3, " | " | 8, 1870 |
| 264 | Signet..... | Carroll | Carroll | July | 27, " | " | 8, " |
| 265 | <i>Cedar Beam</i> | Nashua..... | Chickasaw | August | 7, " | " | 8, " |
| 266 | Northern Light.. | Northwood | Worth | August | 7, " | " | 8, " |
| 267 | <i>Palmyra</i> | Palmyra | Warren..... | Sept. | 4, " | " | 8, " |
| 268 | Damascus | Albion | Marshall | August | 13, " | " | 8, " |
| 269 | Empire | Ottumwa | Wapello | Sept. | 27, " | " | 8, " |
| 270 | Montgomery ... | Villisca..... | Montgomery .. | August | 27, " | " | 8, " |
| 271 | Pymosa..... | Atlantic | Cass | Oct. | 27, " | " | 8, " |
| 272 | <i>Landmark</i> | Sioux City..... | Woodbury | Nov. | 26, " | " | 8, " |
| 273 | Hermon | Grinnell | Poweshiek | Dec. | 7, " | " | 8, " |
| 274 | Arcana | New Hampton | Chickasaw | Dec. | 9, " | " | 8, " |
| 275 | Instruction..... | Corning | Adams | Dec. | 24, " | " | 8, " |
| 276 | Terrestrial..... | State Center .. | Marshall | Dec. | 25, " | " | 8, " |
| 277 | Perfect Union... | Thornburg | Keokuk | Jan. | 4, 1870 | " | 8, " |
| 278 | <i>Bethlehem</i> | Bethlehem ... | Wayne | Jan. | 27, " | " | 8, " |
| 279 | <i>Mountain Shade</i> .. | Volga City.... | Clayton | Jan. | 31, " | " | 8, " |
| 280 | Meridian | Kellogg | Jasper | Feb. | 1, " | " | 8, " |
| 281 | Right Hand..... | De Witt..... | Clinton..... | | | " | 8, " |
| 282 | <i>Devotion</i> | Denison | Crawford | March | 1, " | " | 7, 1871 |

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| No. | Name of Lodge. | Town. | County. | Date of Dispensation. | Date of Charter |
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| 283 | Purity | Casey | Guthrie | March 2, 1870 | June 7, 1871 |
| 284 | Level | Central City .. | Linn | March 3, " | " 7, " |
| 285 | Plumb | *Buchanan .. | Taylor | March 3, " | " 7, " |
| 286 | Square | Earlville | Delaware | March 3, " | " 7, " |
| 287 | Sharon | Victor | Iowa | March 15, " | " 7, " |
| 288 | Elk Point | Elk Point | Dakota | March 23, " | " 7, " |
| 289 | Amicable | Smithland | Woodbury | April 2, " | " 7, " |
| 290 | Canopy | Oxford | Johnson | June 27, " | " 7, " |
| 291 | Archimedes | Baden | Keokuk | June 28, " | " 7, " |
| 292 | Columbia | Colo | Story | June 30, " | " 7, " |
| 293 | Mt. Tabor | Dexter | Dallas | Sept. 21, " | " 7, " |
| 294 | Rock | Nora Springs .. | Floyd | Sept. 21, " | " 7, " |
| 295 | Mt. Carmel | Derby | Lucas | Sept. 30, " | " 7, " |
| 296 | Victory | Waterloo | Blackhawk | Oct. 3, " | " 7, " |
| 297 | Mt. Nebo | Avoca | Pottawattamie .. | Oct. 18, " | " 7, " |
| 298 | Hermitage | Andrew | Jackson | Dec. 22, " | " 7, " |
| 299 | Otley | Perry | Dallas | Jan. 22, 1871 | " 7, " |
| 300 | Tri-Centum | Shenandoah .. | Page | Jan. 30, " | " 7, " |
| 301 | Neophyte | Virginia | Warren | March 7, " | " 5, 1872 |
| 302 | Bunker Hill | Creston | Union | March 29, " | " 5, " |
| 303 | Rhodes | Ogden | Boone | April 3, " | " 5, " |
| 304 | Token | Stuart | Guthrie | April 27, " | " 5, " |
| 305 | Rural | Ladora | Iowa | June 26, " | " 5, " |
| 306 | Sublime | Staceyville | Mitchell | July 10, " | " 5, " |
| 307 | Speculative | Cherokee | Cherokee | August 21, " | " 5, " |
| 308 | Operative | Polk City | Polk | Sept. 21, " | " 5, " |
| 309 | Jewel | Storm Lake .. | Buena Vista .. | Oct. 4, " | " 5, " |
| 310 | Globe | Union | Hardin | Nov. 27, " | " 5, " |
| 311 | Monumental | Galesburg | Jasper | Dec. 14, " | " 5, " |
| 312 | Evening Shade .. | Spencer | Clay | Jan. 24, 1872 | " 5, " |
| 313 | Crystal | Mitchellville .. | Polk | Feb. 9, " | " 5, " |
| 314 | Mt. Lebanon | Tabor | Fremont | Feb. 9, " | " 4, 1873 |
| 315 | Model | St. Charles | Madison | April 8, " | " 4, " |
| 316 | Cope-Stone | Calmar | Winneshiek .. | April 16, " | " 4, " |
| 317 | Sincerity | Moulton | Appanoose | June 7, " | " 4, " |
| 318 | Malta | Burlington | Des Moines | June 29, " | " 4, " |
| 319 | Bethel | Garner | Hancock | July 27, " | " 4, " |
| 320 | Bethany | Blockton | Taylor | Oct. 21, " | " 4, " |
| 321 | Parian | Harlan | Shelby | Nov. 30, " | " 4, " |
| 322 | Giblem | Le Mars | Plymouth | Dec. 16, " | " 4, " |
| 323 | Sirius | Rockford | Floyd | Jan. 6, 1873 | " 4, " |
| 324 | Astral | Preston | Jackson | Feb. 24, " | " 4, " |
| 325 | Cyrene | Clarion | Wright | March 10, " | " 4, " |
| 326 | Alpha | Greene | Butler ..... | ..... | " 4, " |
| 327 | Omega | Riverton | Fremont ..... | ..... | " 4, " |
| 328 | Minnehaha | Sioux Falls | Dakota | July 13, " | " 3, 1874 |
| 329 | Twilight | Spirit Lake | Dickinson | Sept. 18, " | " 3, " |
| 330 | Monitor | Delmar | Clinton | Sept. 26, " | " 3, " |
| 331 | Broken Column .. | Sibley | Osceola | Feb. 2, 1874 | " 3, " |
| 332 | Enterprise | Sioux Rapids .. | Buena Vista .. | Feb. 24, " | " 3, 1875 |
| 333 | Mt. Horeb | Fredericksb'rg. | Chickasaw | March 29, " | " 3, " |
| 334 | Emerald | Grundy Center .. | Grundy | June 10, " | " 3, " |
| 335 | Ark | Oakland | Pottawattamie .. | June 10, " | " 3, " |
| 336 | Mahaska | New Sharon | Mahaska | June 17, " | " 3, " |
| 337 | Confidence | La Motte | Jackson | June 18, " | " 3, " |
| 338 | Cyrus | Gilman | Marshall | July 7, " | " 3, " |
| 339 | Winona | Pitzer | Madison | July 17, " | " 3, " |
| 340 | Hesperia | Traer | Tama | July 25, " | " 3, " |
| 341 | Mersail | Thurman | Fremont | July 30, " | " 3, " |
| 342 | Exodus | Exira | Audubon | August 6, " | " 3, " |
| 343 | Tremont | Lenox | Taylor | August 28, " | " 3, " |
| 344 | Senna | Liberty Center .. | Warren | Sept. 3, " | " 5, " |
| 345 | Silver Star | Canton | Dakota | Feb. 6, 1875 | " 3, " |
| 346 | Mt. Zion | Springsfield .. | Dakota | Feb. 16, " | " 3, " |
| 347 | Abiff | Sutherland | O'Brien | Feb. 19, " | " 7, 1876 |
| 348 | Right Angle | Conway | Taylor | Feb. 27, " | " 7, " |
| 349 | Setting Sun | West Side | Crawford | April 6, " | " 7, " |
| 350 | Prospect | Quasqueton | Buchanan | April 6, " | " 7, " |
| 351 | Standard | Waucoma | Fayette | April 6, " | " 7, " |
| 352 | Blazing Star | Haven | Tama | May 4, " | " 7, " |
| 353 | Adelphi | Keota | Keokuk | July 3, " | " 7, " |
| 354 | Canby | Cromwell | Union | July 3, " | " 7, " |

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| 355 | Myrtle | Seymour | Wayne..... | August 7, 1875 | June 7, 1876 |
| 356 | Delta | Dallas Center.. | Dallas | August 12, " | " 7, " |
| 357 | Junction | Grand Juncti'n | Greene | August 12, " | " 7, " |
| 358 | Eleusis | Pulaski..... | Davis | Sept. 4, " | " 7, " |
| 359 | Tradition | Riverside..... | Washington... | Oct. 5, " | " 7, " |
| 360 | Mountain | Essex..... | Page..... | Oct. 5, " | " 7, " |
| 361 | St. Paul's..... | Boone | Boone | Oct. 5, " | " 7, " |
| 362 | Altar | Urbana | Benton | Oct. 5, " | " 7, " |
| 363 | St. Albans..... | Earlham | Madison | Oct. 13, " | " 7, " |
| 364 | Fidelitas | Fairfax | Linn..... | Nov. 12, " | " 7, " |
| 365 | Orient | Ainsworth | Washington... | Feb. 12, " | " 7, " |
| 366 | Radiant | Alden | Hardin | Dec. 11, " | " 7, " |
| 367 | Etna | Mt. Etna | Adams | Dec. 11, " | " 7, " |
| 368 | Marble | Carlisle..... | Warren | Dec. 22, " | " 7, " |
| 369 | Haggai | Glidden | Carroll | Dec. 22, " | " 7, " |
| 370 | Home | Des Moines.... | Polk | Jan. 12, 1876 | " 7, " |
| 371 | Silentia..... | Shelby | Shelby..... | Feb. 10, " | " 5, 1877 |
| 372 | Advance | Allerton | Wayne..... | Feb. 10, " | " 5, " |
| 373 | Centennial..... | *Milford..... | Montgomery.. | Feb. 16, " | " 5, " |
| 374 | Hebron..... | Oelwein | Fayette..... | March 4, " | " 5, " |
| 375 | Remembrance... | Davis City..... | Decatur | June 20, " | " 5, " |
| 376 | Mistletoe | Sheldon | O'Brien..... | June 20, " | " 5, " |
| 377 | Kane | Ida Grove..... | Ida | June 22, " | " 5, " |
| 378 | Humanity..... | Emerson | Mills..... | July 13, " | " 5, " |
| 379 | Friendship..... | Farragut | Fremont..... | Jan. 19, 1877 | " 5, " |
| 380 | Obedience..... | Anita | Cass | Nov. 7, 1876 | " 5, " |
| 381 | Wapsinonoc.... | West Branch.. | Cedar..... | Feb. 3, 1877 | " 5, 1878 |
| 382 | Frontier | Little Sioux... | Harrison..... | June 20, " | " 5, " |
| 383 | De Molay | Marion | Linn..... | Jan. 20, 1878 | " 5, " |
| 384 | Morning Light. | Manson | Calhoun | Jan. 15, " | " 4, 1879 |
| 385 | Wayfaring | Solon | Johnson | June 17, " | " 4, " |
| 386 | Crusade | Greenfield..... | Adair..... | July 5, " | " 4, " |
| 387 | Due Guard..... | Danbury | Woodbury | July 29, " | " 4, " |
| 388 | Central..... | Peoria | Mahaska..... | Sept. 2, " | " 4, " |
| 389 | Riverside..... | Colfax | Jasper | Sept. 10, " | " 4, " |
| 390 | Lake | Wall Lake..... | Sac | Dec. 23, " | " 4, " |
| 391 | Stellapolis | Williamsburg .. | Iowa..... | Jan. 7, 1879 | " 4, " |
| 392 | Veritas | Audubon | Audubon..... | Feb. 28, " | " 4, " |
| 393 | Ascalon | Dysart | Tama..... | March 18, 1878 | " 1, 1880 |
| 394 | Coin | Reinbeck..... | Grundy..... | Jan. 21, 1879 | " 1, " |
| 395 | Lookout | Sumner | Bremer | June 17, " | " 1, " |
| 396 | Surprise | Murray..... | Clarke..... | June 19, " | " 1, " |
| 397 | Leighton | Beacon | Mahaska..... | August 7, " | " 1, " |
| 398 | Wheeler | Odebolt | Sac | Oct. 4, " | " 1, " |
| 399 | Earnest..... | Emmetsburg .. | Palo Alto..... | June 15, 1880 | " 9, 1881 |
| 400 | Silver Light..... | Silver City..... | Mills..... | June 18, " | " 9, " |
| 401 | Charter Oak..... | Woodbine | Harrison..... | June 7, " | " 9, " |
| 402 | Golden Gate..... | Scranton | Greene..... | June 18, " | " 9, " |
| 403 | Venus..... | Macksburg | Madison | July 24, " | " 9, " |
| 404 | Quarry | Mapleton | Monona | June 27, " | " 9, " |
| 405 | Emmanuel..... | Blanchard | Page..... | August 24, " | " 9, " |
| 406 | Border | Rock Rapids.. | Lyon | Sept. 3, " | " 9, " |
| 407 | King David. | Altoona | Polk | Nov. 19, " | " 9, " |
| 408 | Pomegranate.... | Alta | Buena Vista... | Nov. 30, " | " 9, " |
| 409 | Milan | Milo | Warren | Dec. 24, " | " 9, " |
| 410 | Vernon..... | Promise City.. | Wayne..... | Dec. 31, " | " 8, 1882 |
| 411 | Temperance.... | Minburn | Dallas..... | Feb. 23, 1881 | " 8, " |
| 412 | Cass | Griswold | Cass | April 12, " | " 8, " |
| 413 | Celestial | Doud's | Van Buren.... | April 21, " | " 8, " |
| 414 | Good Shepherd.. | Lucas | Lucas | April 27, " | " 8, " |
| 415 | Ruby | Macedonia | Pottawattamie | July 11, " | " 8, " |
| 416 | Garnet | Caledonia | Ringgold..... | August 1, " | " 8, " |
| 417 | Opal | Allison | Butler..... | Sept. 5, " | " 8, " |
| 418 | Amethyst | Nevinville | Adams | Sept. 8, " | " 8, " |
| 419 | Onyx..... | Sanborn | O'Brien..... | Oct. 22, " | " 8, " |
| 420 | Chrysolite | Logan | Harrison..... | Nov. 5, " | " 8, " |
| 421 | Beryl | Prairieburg .. | Linn..... | Jan. 7, 1882 | " 8, " |
| 422 | Diamond | Vail | Crawford..... | Jan. 9, " | " 8, " |
| 423 | Agate | Neola..... | Pottawattamie | Jan. 27, " | " 8, " |
| 424 | Jasper | Livermore..... | Humboldt..... | Jan. 31, " | " 8, " |
| 425 | Carnelian | Dows | Wright | Feb. 13, " | " 7, 1883 |
| 426 | Pearl | Sheffield..... | Franklin..... | Feb. 14, " | " 7, " |

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| 427 | Sapphire..... | Hull..... | Sioux..... | Feb. 20, 1882 | June 7, 1883 |
| 428 | Royal..... | Newell..... | Buena Vista... | June 14, " | " 7, " |
| 429 | Gem..... | Paton..... | Greene..... | June 24, " | " 7, " |
| 430 | Coral..... | Carson..... | Pottawattamie | Sept. 26, " | " 7, " |
| 431 | Darius..... | Britt..... | Hancock..... | Oct. 24, " | " 7, " |
| 432 | Symbol..... | Fonda..... | Pocahontas... | Nov. 10, " | " 7, " |
| 433 | Brilliant..... | Creston..... | Union..... | Nov. 10, " | " 7, " |
| 434 | Freedom..... | Akron..... | Plymouth..... | Dec. 18, " | " 7, " |
| 435 | Zealous..... | Oxford Junction | Jones..... | Jan. 8, 1883 | " 7, " |
| 436 | Olivet..... | Beaman..... | Grundy..... | March 3, " | " 7, " |
| 437 | Banner..... | Grand River... | Decatur..... | March 5, " | " 7, " |
| 438 | Topaz..... | Kellerton..... | Ringgold..... | Feb. 20, 1882 | " 5, 1884 |
| 439 | Crown..... | Randolph..... | Fremont..... | June 14, " | " 5, " |
| 440 | Stella..... | Fort Madison.. | Lee..... | June 14, " | " 5, " |
| 441 | Guardian..... | Defiance..... | Shelby..... | August 18, " | " 5, " |
| 442 | Formal..... | Kirkville..... | Wapello..... | June 21, " | " 5, " |
| 443 | Jacinth..... | Weldon..... | Decatur..... | Jan. 2, 1883 | " 5, " |
| 444 | Sardius..... | Irwin..... | Shelby..... | Jan. 15, " | " 5, " |
| 445 | Stainless..... | Nichols..... | Muscataine.... | Feb. 3, " | " 5, " |
| 446 | Perseverance... | Battle Creek... | Ida..... | Jan. 22, " | " 5, " |
| 447 | North Star..... | Estherville.... | Emmet..... | June 21, " | " 5, " |
| 448 | Faithful..... | Runnells..... | Polk..... | June 12, " | " 5, " |
| 449 | Beulah..... | Adair..... | Adair..... | June 21, " | " 5, " |
| 450 | Manual..... | Manning..... | Carroll..... | June 29, " | " 5, " |
| 451 | Benevolent..... | Bayard..... | Guthrie..... | June 29, " | " 5, " |
| 452 | Tabernacle..... | Cambridge..... | Story..... | July 13, " | " 5, " |
| 453 | Covenant..... | New Market... | Taylor..... | August 10, " | " 5, " |
| 454 | Peaceful..... | Woodward..... | Dallas..... | Sept. 1, " | " 5, " |
| 455 | Herald..... | Maxwell..... | Story..... | Sept. 24, " | " 5, " |
| 456 | Dale..... | Hawarden..... | Sioux..... | Oct. 30, " | " 5, " |
| 457 | Acme..... | Schaller..... | Sac..... | Dec. 24, " | " 5, " |
| 458 | Noble..... | Clearfield..... | Taylor..... | Jan. 19, 1884 | " 4, 1885 |
| 459 | Sunlight..... | Gravity..... | Taylor..... | Jan. 16, " | " 4, " |
| 460 | Ivanhoe..... | Lehigh..... | Webster..... | June 28, " | " 4, " |
| 461 | Apollo..... | Cantril..... | Van Buren.... | June 28, " | " 4, " |
| 462 | St. Elmo..... | Early..... | Sac..... | July 14, " | " 4, " |
| 463 | Seba..... | Marcus..... | Cherokee..... | July 15, " | " 4, " |
| 464 | Bower..... | Eagle Grove... | Wright..... | Oct. 17, " | " 4, " |
| 465 | Elmo..... | Ripley..... | Greene..... | Oct. 30, " | " 4, " |
| 466 | Eden..... | Rhodes..... | Marshall..... | Nov. 7, " | " 4, " |
| 467 | Pilot..... | Rolfe..... | Pocahontas... | Nov. 7, " | " 4, " |
| 468 | Republic..... | Jewel Junction | Hamilton..... | Nov. 28, " | " 4, " |
| 469 | Pacific..... | Zearing..... | Story..... | Nov. 29, " | " 4, " |
| 470 | Cosmos..... | Kingsley..... | Plymouth..... | Jan. 31, 1885 | " 2, 1886 |
| 471 | Alpine..... | Holstein..... | Ida..... | Jan. 2, " | " 2, " |
| 472 | Beaver..... | New Hartford | Butler..... | Feb. 20, " | " 2, " |
| 473 | Mutual..... | Swan..... | Marion..... | Feb. 20, " | " 2, " |
| 474 | Burning Brush.. | Correctionville | Woodbury..... | March 18, " | " 2, " |
| 475 | Solar..... | Pomeroy..... | Calhoun..... | June 19, " | " 2, " |
| 476 | Sunbeam..... | Bagley..... | Guthrie..... | June 19, " | " 2, " |
| 477 | Sioux..... | Ireton..... | Sioux..... | July 10, " | " 2, " |
| 478 | Twin Lakes..... | Rockwell City | Calhoun..... | Sept. 3, " | " 2, " |
| 479 | Triumph..... | North English. | Iowa..... | Nov. 18, " | " 2, " |
| 480 | New Hope..... | Eldon..... | Wapello..... | Nov. 18, " | " 2, " |
| 481 | Agemo..... | Riverton..... | Fremont..... | Jan. 30, 1886 | " 2, " |
| 482 | Gloaming..... | Milford..... | Dickinson.... | July 7, " | " 7, 1887 |
| 483 | Ivy..... | Truro..... | Madison..... | Sept. 30, " | " 7, " |
| 484 | Atlas..... | Cumberland... | Cass..... | Oct. 14, " | " 7, " |
| 485 | Garfield..... | Hedrick..... | Keokuk..... | Oct. 23, " | " 7, " |
| 486 | Iowa Valley..... | Marshalltown.. | Marshall..... | Feb. 1, 1887 | " 7, " |
| 487 | Highland..... | Ruthven..... | Palo Alto..... | Jan. 3, " | " 5, 1888 |
| 488 | Arion..... | Lake Mills.... | Winnebago... | March 18, " | " 5, " |
| 489 | Loyal..... | Hawarden..... | Sioux..... | June 7, " | " 5, " |
| 490 | Craftsman..... | Persia..... | Harrison..... | July 17, " | " 5, " |
| 491 | Black Oak..... | Leighton..... | Mahaska..... | Sept. 6, " | " 5, " |
| 492 | Grove..... | Marne..... | Cass..... | Oct. 12, " | " 5, " |
| 493 | Summit..... | Elliott..... | Montgomery... | Feb. 7, 1888 | " 5, " |
| 494 | Pilgrim..... | Rock Valley... | Sioux..... | Feb. 14, " | " 5, " |
| 495 | Beacon..... | Hartley..... | O'Brien..... | March 10, " | " 5, " |
| 496 | Rising Star..... | Pringhar..... | O'Brien..... | April 18, " | " 4, 1889 |
| 497 | Phoenix..... | Hubbard..... | Hardin..... | June 12, " | " 4, " |
| 498 | Vulcan..... | Bristow..... | Butler..... | June 12, " | " 4, " |

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| 499 | Fulton..... | Paullina..... | O'Brien | June 16, 1888 | June 4, 1889 |
| 500 | Rob Morris..... | Walker..... | Linn | August 29, " | " 4, " |
| 501 | Mt. Hope..... | Clarence | Cedar..... | August 27, " | " 4, " |
| 502 | Attica | Sloan..... | Woodbury..... | Nov. 9, " | " 4, " |
| 503 | Progressive..... | Bancroft..... | Kossuth | March 16, 1889 | " 4, " |
| 504 | Prosperity..... | Cincinnati | Appanoose | July 2, " | " 4, 1890 |
| 505 | Astor | Albia .. | Monroe..... | Nov. 9, " | " 4, " |
| 506 | Rose..... | Gowrie..... | Webster..... | Jan. 1, 1890 | " 4, " |
| 507 | Sylvan..... | Denison | Crawford | Feb. 23, " | " 4, " |
| 508 | Tyrian..... | Sioux City..... | Woodbury..... | Feb. 26, " | " 4, " |
| 509 | Adelphic..... | Des Moines..... | Polk | March 6, " | " 4, " |
| 510 | Sunnyside..... | Maynard | Fayette..... | June 16, " | " 4, 1891 |
| 511 | Waterfall..... | Hazleton..... | Buchanan..... | July 5, " | " 4, " |
| 512 | Golden Rod..... | Deep River..... | Poweshiek..... | July 21, " | " 4, " |
| 513 | Fervent..... | Collins..... | Story | Sept. 11, " | " 4, " |
| 514 | Templar..... | West Bend..... | Palo Alto..... | Sept. 11, " | " 4, " |
| 515 | Comfort..... | Massena..... | Cass | Oct. 6, " | " 4, " |
| 516 | Victoria..... | Riverside..... | Washington.... | Dec. 24, " | " 4, " |
| 517 | Laurel..... | Lake View..... | Sac | Jan. 26, 1891 | " 4, " |
| 518 | Silver Leaf..... | Elgin..... | Fayette | Sept. 23, " | " 8, 1892 |
| 519 | Grace..... | Laurens..... | Pocahontas.... | Nov. 24, " | " 8, " |
| 520 | Unit..... | Baxter..... | Jasper..... | Dec. 22, " | " 8, " |
| 521 | Little Sioux..... | Washta | Cherokee..... | Feb. 18, 1892 | " 8, " |
| 522 | Crest City..... | Creston..... | Union..... | March 24, " | " 8, " |
| 523 | Mecca..... | Coggon..... | Linn | July 16, 1891 | " 8, 1893 |
| 524 | Firm..... | Dallas | Marion | Oct. 17, 1892 | " 8, " |
| 525 | Silver Cord..... | Ocheyedan..... | Osceola..... | Nov. 8, " | " 8, " |
| 526 | Perfect Square... | Hiteman | Monroe..... | Jan. 16, 1893 | " 8, " |
| 527 | Silver Lake..... | Lake Park.... | Dickinson..... | Feb. 10, " | " 8, " |
| 528 | Maple Leaf..... | Elma | Howard..... | March 7, " | " 8, " |
| 529 | Active..... | Linden..... | Dallas..... | March 24, " | " 8, " |
| 530 | Tennyson..... | Barnes..... | Mahaska | March 29, " | " 8, " |
| 531 | Oak..... | Dayton..... | Webster..... | July 17, " | " 6, 1894 |
| 532 | Trial..... | Moville..... | Woodbury..... | August 4, " | " 6, " |
| 533 | Emmet | Armstrong..... | Emmet..... | Nov. 11, " | " 6, " |
| 534 | Mystic..... | Ute..... | Monona..... | Nov. 11, " | " 6, " |
| 535 | Abner..... | Lone Tree | Johnson..... | June 14, 1894 | " 5, 1895 |
| 536 | Welcome..... | Peterson | Clay | June 26, " | " 5, " |
| 537 | Floyd..... | Alton..... | Sioux..... | July 16, " | " 5, " |
| 538 | Viona..... | Renwick..... | Humboldt | Dec. 22, " | " 5, " |
| 539 | Cypress..... | Orient..... | Adair..... | Jan. 30, 1895 | " 5, " |
| 540 | Kossuth..... | Burt..... | Kossuth..... | July 4, " | " 3, 1896 |
| 541 | Belmont..... | Hillsboro..... | Henry | July 4, " | " 3, " |
| 542 | Windsor..... | Hawkeye..... | Fayette..... | July 17, " | " 3, " |
| 543 | Live Oak..... | Charter Oak... | Crawford..... | August 5, " | " 3, " |
| 544 | Acmode | Modale..... | Harrison..... | Sept. 17, " | " 3, " |
| 545 | Federal..... | Yarmouth..... | Des Moines.... | Dec. 19, " | " 3, " |
| 546 | Byron | Winthrop..... | Buchanan..... | Dec. 21, " | " 3, " |
| 547 | Alamo..... | Williams..... | Hamilton..... | Feb. 14, 1896 | " 3, " |
| 548 | Trojan..... | Marion | Linn | March 25, " | " 3, " |
| 549 | Fellowship..... | Frank Pierce. | Johnson..... | March 30, " | " 3, " |
| 550 | Cerulean | Anthon..... | Woodbury..... | August 10, " | " 2, 1897 |
| 551 | Julien..... | Farley..... | Dubuque..... | Nov. 26, " | " 2, " |
| 552 | Larch..... | Larchwood..... | Lyon | Jan. 4, 1897 | " 2, " |
| 553 | Paradise..... | Corwith | Hancock | Jan. 21, " | " 2, " |
| 554 | Pyramid | Clio..... | Wayne..... | March 29, " | " 8, 1898 |
| 555 | Circle..... | Prescott | Adams..... | Feb. 2, 1898 | " 8, " |
| 556 | Harbor..... | Lost Nation... | Clinton..... | Feb. 2, " | " 7, 1899 |
| 557 | Granite..... | Thornton..... | Cerro Gordo... | March 17, " | " 7, " |
| 558 | Fern | Lorimor..... | Union | August 12, " | " 7, " |
| 559 | Morro | Walnut..... | Pottawattamie | Nov. 14, " | " 7, " |
| 560 | Columbian | Everly | Clay | Feb. 7, 1899 | " 6, 1900 |
| 561 | Full Moon..... | Melbourne.... | Marshall | August 7, " | " 6, " |
| 562 | Weston..... | Whiting..... | Monona | Sept. 7, " | " 6, " |
| 563 | Meteor..... | Yale..... | Guthrie | Nov. 23, " | " 6, " |
| 564 | Roman | Conrad | Grundy..... | Jan. 22, 1900 | " 6, " |
| 565 | Mishna..... | Pocahontas.... | Pocahontas.... | Jan. 27, " | " 6, " |
| 566 | Maple | Jolly..... | Calhoun..... | Jan. 27, " | " 6, " |
| 567 | Cement..... | Burr Oak..... | Winneshek | March 15, " | " 6, " |
| 568 | Madison..... | Earlham..... | Madison..... | March 15, " | " 6, " |
| 569 | Ambler | Quick. | Pottawattamie | July 2, " | " 6, 1901 |
| 570 | Nain..... | Buffalo Center. | Winnebago.... | July 2, " | " 6, " |

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| 571 | Fayette..... | Lamoni | Decatur..... | July | 23, 1900 | June | 6, 1901 |
| 572 | Palm | Lehigh | Webster | July | 23, " | " | 6, " |
| 573 | Hazel..... | East Peru..... | Madison..... | July | 23, " | " | 6, " |
| 574 | Benj. Franklin.. | Lisbon | Linn | Sept. | 26, " | " | 6, " |
| 575 | Center | Delta | Keokuk | Dec. | 17, " | " | 6, " |
| 576 | Kohinoor | Story City..... | Story..... | Dec. | 17, " | " | 6, " |
| 577 | Gnemeth..... | Valley Jct..... | Polk..... | Jan. | 11, 1901 | " | 6, " |
| 578 | Ally | Dow City..... | Crawford..... | March | 14, " | " | 6, " |
| 579 | Mural..... | Gilmore City.. | Humboldt..... | March | 28, " | " | 6, " |
| 580 | Bethshan..... | Churdan..... | Greene..... | March | 28, " | " | 6, " |
| 581 | Zenith..... | Chelsea..... | Tama..... | July | 5, " | " | 4, 1902 |
| 582 | Volunteer | Tabor..... | Fremont..... | Sept. | 14, " | " | 4, " |
| 583 | Mysteria | Plover..... | Pocahontas.... | Jan. | 6, 1902 | " | 4, " |
| 584 | Integrity | Bussey..... | Marion..... | March | 7, " | " | 4, " |
| 585 | Ensign | Jamaica..... | Guthrie | March | 27, " | " | 4, " |
| 586 | Elk..... | Moorhead | Monona | Jan. | 6, 1903 | " | 3, 1903 |
| 587 | Universal..... | Marathon | Buena Vista.... | Feb. | 23, " | " | 3, " |
| 588 | Walnut..... | Mystic | Appanoose | August | 24, " | " | 9, 1904 |
| 589 | Fountain City... | Goldfield | Wright | Feb. | 9, 1904 | " | 9, " |
| 590 | Iroquois..... | Nodaway | Adams..... | March | 7, " | " | 8, 1905 |
| 591 | Amaranth..... | De Sota..... | Dallas..... | March | 25, 1905 | " | 8, " |
| 592 | Auburn..... | Des Moines.... | Polk..... | March | 30, " | " | 8, " |
| 593 | Holman..... | Rowley..... | Buchanan..... | Sept. | 19, " | " | 7, 1906 |
| 594 | Solomon | Lamont..... | Buchanan..... | Feb. | 5, 1906 | " | 7, " |
| 595 | Golden Leaf..... | Manilla..... | Crawford | Feb. | 5, " | " | 7, " |
| 596 | Waveland | Blakesburg.... | Wapello..... | July | 25, " | " | 6, 1907 |
| 597 | Nekoda. | Lohrville..... | Calhoun..... | August | 10, " | " | 6, " |
| 598 | Loyalty..... | Ute..... | Monona | March | 5, 1907 | " | 6, " |
| 599 | Rock River..... | Doon | Lyon | August | 29, " | " | 4 1908 |
| 600 | Imperial..... | Swea City..... | Kossuth..... | Oct. | 15, " | " | 4, " |
| 601 | Acorn | Stratford | Hamilton..... | Feb. | 18, 1908 | " | 4, " |
| 602 | Alhambra | Union | Hardin..... | Feb. | 18, " | " | 4, " |
| 603 | Cyprian | Miles | Jackson... .. | March | 2, " | " | 4, " |
| 604 | Sunset..... | Royal | Clay | March | 28, " | " | 3, 1909 |
| 605 | Golden Sheaf.... | Rock Valley... | Sioux..... | Feb. | 22, 1909 | " | 3, " |
| 606 | Avalon..... | Edgewood | Clayton..... | March | 20, " | " | 3, " |

X. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE SEVERAL ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS, WITH NAMES OF THE GRAND ORATORS AND WRITERS OF REPORTS ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

| Session. | YEAR. | MONTH AND DAY. | PLACE OF MEETING. | GRAND ORATOR. | Lodge. | WRITER OF REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE. | Lodge. |
|----------|-------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1844 | Jan. 8 | Iowa City (6).... | Joseph Williams..... | 2 | ..... | ... |
| 2 | 1845 | " 6 | Iowa City... .. | Stephen Hempst ad ... | 3 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 3 | 1846 | " 6 | Iowa City..... | Robert Lucas..... | 4 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 4 | 1847 | " 6 | Iowa City..... | George Greene..... | 3 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 5 | 1848 | June 6 | Dubuque (5)..... | Joshua Barney..... | 3 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 6 | 1849 | " 5 | Burlington (2) .. | Rev. D. N. Smith..... | 1 | T. S. Parvin. | 2 |
| 7 | 1850 | " 4 | Keokuk (2)..... | Rev. James Brooks.... | 15 | ..... | ... |
| 8 | 1851 | " 3 | Fort Madison ... | J. M. Morgan..... | 1 | ..... | ... |
| 9 | 1852 | " 1 | Fairfield..... | Rev. H. C. Dean | 2 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 10 | 1853 | " 7 | Muscatine..... | J. F. Sanford, M. D... | 29 | ..... | ... |
| 11 | 1854 | " 6 | Mt. Pleasant.... | J. H. Rauch, M. D. ... | 1 | ..... | ... |
| 12 | 1855 | " 5 | Keosauqua..... | J. F. Sanford, M. D... | 29 | J. H. Wallace..... | 2 |
| 13 | 1856 | " 3 | Oskaloosa (2).... | Cornelius Moore | ... | J. F. Sanford..... | 29 |
| 14 | 1857 | " 2 | Iowa City..... | J. C. Knapp..... | 10 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 15 | 1858 | " 1 | Des Moines (10).. | Rob. Morris | ... | W. B. Langridge.... | 30 |
| 16 | 1859 | " 7 | Davenport (15).. | Rev. G. B. Jocelyn.... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 17 | 1860 | " 5 | Burlington..... | Cornelius Moore..... | ... | C. Stewart Ells | 37 |
| 18 | 1861 | " 4 | Dubuque..... | Rob. Morris | ... | E. A. Guilbert..... | 3 |
| 19 | 1862 | " 3 | Keokuk | Rob. Morris | ... | H. S. Jennings..... | 3 |
| 20 | 1863 | " 2 | Iowa City..... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 | W. C. Gaston..... | 4 |
| 21 | 1864 | " 7 | Des Moines..... | Rev. I. K. Fuller..... | ... | W. C. Gaston..... | 4 |
| 22 | 1865 | " 6 | Marshalltown (2) | Rev. J. P. Sanford.... | 108 | W. B. Langridge | 30 |
| 23 | 1866 | " 5 | Davenport..... | Rev. J. P. Sanford.... | 108 | W. B. Langridge | 30 |
| 24 | 1867 | " 4 | Davenport..... | Rev. D. S. Watson.... | 37 | E. A. Guilbert..... | 3 |
| 25 | 1868 | " 2 | Des Moines..... | Rev. A. B. Kendig.... | 4 | E. A. Guilbert..... | 3 |
| 26 | 1869 | " 1 | Davenport..... | John A. Kasson..... | 22 | W. E. Miller..... | 4 |
| 27 | 1870 | " 7 | Davenport..... | Rev. J. P. Sanford.... | 108 | W. B. Langridge.... | 30 |
| 28 | 1871 | " 6 | Davenport..... | George B. Corkhill.... | 8 | U. D. Taylor..... | 13 |
| 29 | 1872 | " 4 | Davenport..... | George B. Corkhill.... | 8 | U. D. Taylor..... | 13 |
| 30 | 1873 | " 3 | Davenport..... | John N. Crawford.... | 37 | T. R. Ercanbrack.... | 46 |
| 31 | 1874 | " 2 | Des Moines..... | Rev. J. H. Rhea..... | ... | T. R. Ercanbrack.... | 46 |
| 32 | 1875 | " 1 | Des Moines..... | P. Gad Bryan..... | 53 | H. J. B. Cummings .. | 43 |
| 33 | 1876 | " 6 | Des Moines..... | Buren R. Sherman.... | 62 | W. B. Langridge | 30 |
| 34 | 1877 | " 5 | Davenport..... | Moses A. McCoid.... | 15 | W. B. Langridge.... | 30 |
| 35 | 1878 | " 4 | Cedar Rapids (8) | L. D. Lewelling..... | 17 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 36 | 1879 | " 3 | Dubuque .. | L. C. Blanchard..... | 18 | ..... | ... |
| 37 | 1880 | " 1 | Des Moines.... | N. M. Hubbard..... | 6 | ..... | ... |
| | | | | Rev. J. S. Jenckes, Jr. | ... | ..... | ... |
| | | | | Josiah Given..... | 22 | ..... | ... |
| 38 | 1881 | " 7 | Davenport..... | Robert Sloan | 10 | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 39 | 1882 | " 6 | Des Moines..... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 40 | 1883 | " 5 | Cedar Rapids .... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 41 | 1884 | " 3 | Council Bluffs(2) | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 42 | 1885 | " 2 | Cedar Rapids.... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 43 | 1886 | " 1 | Des Moines..... | ..... | ... | ..... | ... |
| 44 | 1887 | " 6 | Davenport..... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 45 | 1888 | " 5 | Cedar Rapids.... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 46 | 1889 | " 4 | Sioux City (2)... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 47 | 1890 | " 3 | Ottumwa..... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 48 | 1891 | " 2 | Cedar Rapids.... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 49 | 1892 | " 7 | Dubuque..... | ..... | ... | T. S. Parvin..... | 2 |
| 50 | 1893 | " 6 | Davenport..... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 51 | 1894 | " 5 | Cedar Rapids.... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 52 | 1895 | " 4 | Marshalltown... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 53 | 1896 | " 2 | Boone..... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 54 | 1897 | " 1 | Oskaloosa..... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 55 | 1898 | " 7 | Council Bluffs... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 56 | 1899 | " 6 | Mason City..... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 57 | 1900 | " 5 | Cedar Rapids.... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 58 | 1901 | " 4 | Davenport..... | ..... | ... | J. C. W. Coxе..... | 26 |
| 59 | 1902 | " 3 | Dubuque | L. E. Fellows..... | 144 | J. E. Morcombe..... | 25 |
| 60 | 1903 | " 2 | Waterloo ..... | ..... | ... | J. E. Morcombe..... | 25 |
| 61 | 1904 | " 7 | Sioux City..... | ..... | ... | J. E. Morcombe..... | 25 |
| 62 | 1905 | " 6 | Davenport..... | ..... | ... | J. E. Morcombe..... | 25 |
| 63 | 1906 | " 5 | Des Moines..... | ..... | ... | J. E. Morcombe..... | 25 |
| 64 | 1907 | " 4 | Clinton ..... | ..... | ... | C. C. Clark..... | 318 |
| 65 | 1908 | " 2 | Cedar Rapids.... | ..... | ... | L. E. Fellows..... | 144 |
| 66 | 1909 | " 1 | Davenport..... | ..... | ... | Louis Block | 208 |

XI. AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

| GRAND LODGE. | GRAND SECRETARY. | ADDRESS. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alabama | George A. Beauchamp.... | Montgomery |
| Alberta (<i>Can.</i>)..... | Dr. G. Macdonald | Calgary..... |
| Arizona | George J. Roskruge. | Tucson..... |
| Arkansas | Fay Hempstead | Little Rock..... |
| British Columbia..... | R. E. Brett..... | Victoria..... |
| California | John Whicher..... | San Francisco, Masonic Temple |
| Canada | R. L. Gunn..... | Hamilton, Ontario..... |
| Colorado | Chas. H. Jacobson..... | Denver, Masonic Temple |
| Connect cut..... | Frank W. Havens..... | Hartford |
| Cuba | Carlos G. Charles..... | Havana |
| Delaware..... | Virginus V. Harrison.... | Wilmington..... |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.... | Arvine W. Johnston..... | Washington, D. C., Masonic T.. |
| Florida | W. P. Webster..... | Jacksonville |
| Georgia | W. A. Wolihin..... | Macon..... |
| Idaho | T. W. Randall..... | Boise City..... |
| Illinois | Isaac Cutter..... | Camp Point..... |
| Indiana..... | C. W. Prather | Indianapolis..... |
| *Indian Territory..... | Joseph S. Murrow..... | Atoka, Choctaw Nation..... |
| Iowa..... | Newton R. Parvin..... | Cedar Rapids, Masonic Library. |
| Kansas | A. K. Wilson | Topeka, corner 7th and Jackson |
| Kentucky | H. B. Grant..... | Louisville, Masonic Temple.... |
| Louisiana..... | Richard Lambert..... | New Orleans, Box 81..... |
| Maine | Stephen Berry..... | Portland |
| Manitoba | James A. Ovas..... | Winnipeg |
| Maryland .. | William M. Isaac | Baltimore |
| Massachusetts | Thomas W. Davis..... | Boston, Masonic Temple..... |
| Michigan..... | Lou B. Winsor..... | Reed City |
| Minnesota..... | John Fishel | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | Frederic Speed..... | Vicksburg..... |
| Missouri | John R. Parson..... | St. Louis |
| Montana..... | Cornelius Hedges, Jr.... | Helena, Masonic Temple..... |
| Nebraska | Francis E. White..... | Omaha |
| Nevada | C. N. Noteware | Carson City..... |
| New Brunswick | J. Twining Hartt | St. John, 120 Prince William St |
| New Hampshire..... | Frank D. Woodbury..... | Concord, 3 N. Main St..... |
| New Jersey..... | Benj. F. Wakefield | Trenton, Masonic Temple..... |
| New Mexico..... | A. A. Keen | Albuquerque |
| New York..... | Ed. M. L. Ehlers..... | New York City, Masonic Temple |
| North Carolina..... | John C. Drewry | Raleigh |
| North Dakota | F. J. Thompson | Fargo |
| Nova Scotia | Thomas Mowbray..... | Halifax, Freemasons' Hall..... |
| Ohio..... | J. H. Bromwell..... | Cincinnati, P. O. Box 755..... |
| *Oklahoma..... | Wm. M. Anderson..... | Waurika |
| Oregon | J. F. Robinson..... | Portland, 388 Yamhill St..... |
| Pennsylvania | W. A. Sinn | Philadelphia, Masonic Temple.. |
| Porto Rico..... | Frederico Yumet..... | San Juan..... |
| Prince Edward Island..... | Neil MacKelvie | Summerside |
| Quebec | Will H. Whyte..... | Montreal, Box 1207..... |
| Rhode Island..... | S. Penrose Williams..... | Providence |
| Saskatchewan | J. M. Shaw..... | Regina |
| South Carolina..... | Jacob T. Barron..... | Columbia |
| South Dakota | George A. Pettigrew..... | Sioux Falls..... |
| Tennessee | J. B. Garrett | Nashville..... |
| Texas | John Watson..... | Waco |
| Utah | Christopher Diehl.. | Salt Lake City..... |
| Vermont..... | Henry H. Ross..... | Burlington..... |
| Virginia | Geo. W. Carrington..... | Richmond, Masonic Temple.... |
| Washington | H. W. Tyler | Tacoma |
| West Virginia | H. R. Howard..... | Point Pleasant..... |
| Wisconsin | W. W. Perry..... | Milwaukee..... |
| Wyoming | W. L. Kuykendall..... | Saratoga |

*United under the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, the two Grand Secretaries being elected as joint Grand Secretaries of the united body.

XII. ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS OF GRAND LODGES.

| Grand Lodge. | When Organized. | Annual Communication. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Alabama | June 14, 1821 | First Tuesday in December..... |
| Arizona..... | March 25, 1882 | Second Tuesday in November..... |
| Arkansas | Nov. 21, 1838 | Third Tuesday in November..... |
| California | April 18, 1850 | Second Tuesday in October..... |
| Colorado | August 2, 1861 | Third Monday in September..... |
| Connecticut..... | July 8, 1789 | Third Wednesday in January..... |
| Delaware..... | June 6, 1806 | First Wednesday in October..... |
| District of Columbia..... | Dec. 11, 1810 | Second Wednesday in December..... |
| Florida | July 5, 1830 | Third Tuesday in January..... |
| Georgia | Dec. 16, 1786 | Fourth Tuesday in October..... |
| Idaho. | Dec. 16, 1867 | Second Tuesday in September..... |
| Illinois | April 28, 1840 | First Tuesday in October..... |
| Indiana | Jan. 12, 1818 | Tuesday after fourth Monday in May..... |
| Iowa..... | Jan. 8, 1844 | Second Tuesday in June..... |
| Kansas | March 17, 1856 | Third Wednesday in February..... |
| Kentucky | Oct, 16, 1800 | Third Tuesday in October..... |
| Louisiana | July 20, 1812 | First Monday in February..... |
| Maine | June 1, 1820 | First Tuesday in May..... |
| Maryland..... | April 17, 1787 | Third Tuesday in November..... |
| Massachusetts..... | July 30, 1733 | Second Wednesday in December..... |
| Michigan..... | Sept. 14, 1844 | Fourth Tuesday in May..... |
| Minnesota | Feb. 24, 1853 | Third Wednesday after first Monday in Jan. |
| Mississippi..... | July 27, 1818 | Second Wednesday in February..... |
| Missouri..... | May 4, 1821 | Last Tuesday in September..... |
| Montana..... | Jan. 24, 1866 | Third Wednesday in September..... |
| Nebraska..... | Sept. 23, 1857 | First Tuesday in June..... |
| Nevada..... | Jan. 16, 1865 | Second Tuesday in June..... |
| New Hampshire..... | July 18, 1789 | Third Wednesday in May..... |
| New Jersey..... | Dec. 18, 1786 | First Wednesday after third Tuesday in Apr. |
| New Mexico..... | August 6, 1877 | Third Monday in October..... |
| New York..... | Dec. 5, 1782 | First Tuesday in May..... |
| North Carolina..... | Jan. 14, 1771 | Second Tuesday in January .. |
| North Dakota..... | June 12, 1889 | Fourth Tuesday in June..... |
| Ohio | Jan. 7, 1808 | Third Wednesday in October..... |
| Oregon | Sept. 15, 1851 | Second Monday of June..... |
| Oklahoma and. } | Nov. 10, 1892 } | Second Tuesday in February..... |
| Indian Territory..... } | Oct. 5, 1874 } | |
| Pennsylvania | Sept. 26, 1786 | December |
| Rhode Island..... | June 25, 1791 | Third Monday in May..... |
| South Carolina..... | March 24, 1787 | Second Tuesday in December |
| South Dakota..... | July 21, 1875 | Second Tuesday in June..... |
| Tennessee | Dec. 27, 1813 | Last Wednesday in January..... |
| Texas..... | Dec. 20, 1837 | First Tuesday in December..... |
| Utah..... | Jan. 16, 1872 | Third Tuesday in January..... |
| Vermont..... | Oct. 14, 1794 | Second Wednesday in June |
| Virginia | Oct. 13, 1778 | Second Tuesday in February..... |
| Washington..... | Dec. 6, 1858 | Second Tuesday in June..... |
| West Virginia. | May 11, 1865 | Wednesday after second Monday in Nov.... |
| Wisconsin..... | Dec. 18, 1843 | Second Tuesday in June..... |
| Wyoming..... | Dec. 15, 1874 | First Wednesday in September..... |
| British Columbia..... | Dec. 26, 1871 | Thursday in June preceding St. John's Day. |
| Canada..... | Oct. 10, 1855 | Third Wednesday in July..... |
| Cuba ..... | ..... | March |
| England | June 24, 1717 | Quarterly..... |
| Ireland..... | ..... | Quarterly..... |
| Manitoba..... | May 12, 1875 | Second Wednesday in June |
| New Brunswick..... | Oct. 9, 1867 | Fourth Tuesday in August..... |
| New South Wales..... | Dec. 3, 1877 | Quarterly..... |
| New Zealand..... | April 30, 1890 | May |
| Nova Scotia | Jan. 21, 1866 | Second Wednesday in June..... |
| Prince Edward Island... | June 24, 1875 | Twenty-fourth day of June..... |
| Quebec .. | Oct. 20, 1869 | Second Wednesday in February..... |
| Scotland..... | ..... | February..... |
| South Australia..... | ..... | October and April..... |
| Victoria (Australia)..... | April 16, 1884 | Quarterly..... |

XIII. VARIOUS EDITIONS CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, DIGEST,
CODE OF TRIALS.

Issued by Grand Lodge, with Dates of Publication and number pages.

First Edition published in 1844; pages, 66.

Second Edition published in 1847; pages, 12.

Third Edition published in 1851, 12 mo.; pages, 20. With Ancient Constitution in Proceedings, 12 mo.; pages, 206.

Fourth Edition published in 1854; pages, 44. With Ancient Constitution.

Fifth Edition published in 1856; pages, 54.

Sixth Edition published in 1859; pages, 48.

Seventh Edition published in 1866; pages, 194. With Digest. Masonic Code for Trials and Punishment, 1870; pages, 42.

Eighth Edition published in 1876; pages, 32.

Ninth Edition published in 1879; pages, 40.

Tenth Edition published in 1880; pages, 96. With Digest.

Eleventh Edition published in 1883; pages, 142. With Ceremonial and Digest.

Twelfth Edition published in 1888; pages, 136. First Edition by Granger.

Thirteenth Edition published in 1893; pages, 143. Second Edition by Granger.

Fourteenth Edition published in 1898; pages, 167. Third Edition by Granger.

Fifteenth Edition published in 1904; pages, 175. Fourth Edition by Granger.

XIV. Portraits and Sketches.

PAST GRAND MASTERS AND OTHERS OF GRAND LODGE OF
IOWA, 1844-1909.

(Reprinted, with additions, from Vol. XVIII, page 69.)

I. OLIVER COCK (Lodge No. 1), 1844-46. Portrait in Proceedings of 1872, and biographical sketch by Grand Secretary (Parvin) in Vol. V., 1873.

II. GEORGE W. MCCLEARY (5), 1846-47. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. V., 1873.

III. ANSEL HUMPHREYS (2), 1847-50. Portrait and sketch by W. B. Langridge. Vol. V., 1873.

IV. WILLIAM D. MCCORD (1), 1850-52. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. V., 1873.

V. T. S. PARVIN (2), 1852-53. Portrait and auto-biographical sketch. Vol. V., 1873. Vol. XVIII., 1902.

VI. ANSEL HUMPHREYS—1853-54. See III.

VII. JAMES L. HOGIN (32), 1854-55. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. VII., 1877.

VIII. AYLETT R. COTTON (34), 1855-56. Portrait and sketch by Judson N. Cross. Vol. VI., 1875.

IX. JOHN F. SANFORD, M. D. (29), 1856-58. Portrait in Vol. XI., 1888. Sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. VI., 1875.

X. JAMES R. HARTSOCK (4), 1858-60. Portrait in Vol. XV., 1897.

XI. THOMAS H. BENTON, JR. (71), 1860-63. Portrait (1861 and 1879) and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. VII., 1879.

XII. EDWARD A. GUILBERT, M. D. (3), 1863-66. Portrait (1861 and 1882) and sketch by C. Childs. Vol. VIII., 1882. Vol. XVII., 1900.

XIII. CAMPBELL K. PECK (29), 1866-67. Portrait and sketch by Anon. Vol. VIII., 1880.

XIV. REUBEN MICKEL (52), 1867-69. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. V., 1873.

XV. JOHN SCOTT (99), 1869-71. Portrait and sketch. Vol. V., 1873. Vol. XIX., 1905.

XVI. OZIAS P. WATERS (30), 1871-73. Portrait and sketch by W. B. Langridge. Vol. V., 1873.

XVII. JOSEPH CHAPMAN (125), 1873-75. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. V., 1873.

XVIII. HENRY W. ROTHERT (12), 1875-77. Portrait and sketch by R. F. Bower. Vol. VI., 1875.

XIX. ZEPHANIAH C. LUSE (4), 1877-78. Portrait and sketch, Vol. VII., 1877. Vol. XVI., 1898.

XX. JEREMIAH W. WILSON (59), 1878-79. Portrait and sketch by H. S. Winslow. Vol. VII., 1878.

XXI. ALBERT C. ABBOTT (108), 1879-80. Portrait and sketch by H. C. Henderson. Vol. VII., 1879. Vol. XVIII., 1903.

XXII. JOHN N. McCLANAHAN (63), 1880-81. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. VIII., 1880. Vol. XIX., 1905.

XXIII. GEORGE B. VAN SAUN (65), 1881-84. Portrait and sketch by W. R. Graham. Vol. VIII., 1881. Vol. XIX., 1905.

XXIV. CHARLES T. GRANGER (154), 1884-86. Portrait and sketch by E. W. S. Otto. Vol. X., 1885.

XXV. WILLIAM P. ALLEN (49), 1886-87. Portrait and sketch by E. A. Guilbert, M. D. Vol. X., 1886. Vol. XVI., 1898.

XXVI. EDWIN C. BLACKMAR (318), 1887-89. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. XI., 1888. Vol. XVII., 1901.

XXVII. JAMES D. GAMBLE (61), 1889-91. Portrait and sketch by Major C. B. Boydston. Vol. XII., 1890.

XXVIII. RALPH G. PHELPS (271), 1891-93. Portrait and sketch by Grand Secretary. Vol. XIII., 1892. Vol. XVI., 1898.

XXIX. LIBERTY E. FELLOWS (144), 1893-95. Portrait, Vol. XIV., 1895. Sketch by E. W. S. Otto. Vol. XV., 1896.

XXX. GEORGE W. BALL (4), 1895-97. Portrait and sketch by Newton Ray Parvin. Vol. XV., 1896.

XXXI. ALMON R. DEWEY (26), 1897-98. Portrait and sketch by J. C. W. Coxe. Vol. XV., 1897. Vol. XIX., 1905.

XXXII. CROM. BOWEN (110), 1898-99. Portrait and sketch by F. W. Craig. Vol. XVI., 1899.

XXXIII. THOS. LAMBERT (169), 1899-1900. Portrait and sketch by Sumner Miller. Vol. XVII., 1901.

XXXIV. WILLARD L. EATON (102), 1900-01. Portrait and sketch by Jos. E. Morcombe. Vol. XVII., 1901.

XXXV. LEWIS J. BAKER (16), 1901-02. Portrait and sketch by Jos. E. Morcombe. Vol. XVIII., 1902. Vol. XVII., 1901.

XXXVI. WILLIS S. GARDNER (100), 1902-03. Portrait and sketch by Jos. E. Morcombe. Vol. XVIII., 1903. Vol. XVIII., 1902.

XXXVII. CHARLES CLAPP CLARK (318), 1903-04. Portrait and sketch by J. Springer. Vol. XIX., 1904. Vol. XVIII., 1903.

XXXVIII. SUMNER MILLER (147), 1904-05. Portrait and sketch by Jos. E. Morcombe. Vol. XIX., 1905. Vol. XIX., 1904.

XXXIX. WILLIAM H. NORRIS (165), 1905-06. Portrait and sketch by W. L. Eaton. Vol. XX., 1906. Vol. XIX., 1905.

XL. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND (321), 1906-07. Portrait and sketch by W. H. Norris. Vol. XX., 1907. Vol. XX., 1906.

XLI. ROLLIN M. HUNTER (331), 1907-08. Portrait and sketch by A. W. McCallum. Vol. XXI., 1908. Vol. XX., 1907.

XLII. PHILO J. MARTIN (105), 1908-09. Portrait and sketch by G. R. Turner. Vol. XXI., 1909. Vol. XXI., 1908.

XLIII. DAVID W. CLEMENTS (69), 1909-10. Portrait and sketch. Vol. XXI., 1909.

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- ABBEY, E. C. (319), Grand Treasurer, 1902. Portrait and sketch by J. E. Morcombe, 1902. Appendix "B," page 36.
- ACHESON, GEORGE (15), Deputy Grand Master, 1854. Sketch by J. M. Shafer, 1881. Appendix, page 221.
- ALLISON, WM. B. (125), Honorary Senior Grand Warden, 1888. Portrait and sketch, 1909, page 416.
- ARTHUR, THOMAS (420), Junior Grand Warden, 1903. Portrait and sketch by J. E. Morcombe, 1903. Appendix "B," page 90.
- BARRY, JOHN W. (25), Deputy Grand Master, 1908-09. Portrait and sketch, 1908. Appendix "B," page 14.
- BECKER, CHARLES D. (105), Junior Grand Warden, 1909-10. Portrait and sketch, 1909. Appendix "C."
- BLANCHARD, LUCIEN CALEB (18), Grand Treasurer, 1879-80. Portrait, 1908, page 192.
- BLOCK, LOUIS (208), Senior Grand Warden, 1905-06. Portrait and sketch, 1905. Appendix "B," page 64.
- BOWER, ROBERT F. (29), Grand High Priest, 1873-75; Grand Commander, 1868-71. Portrait and sketch, 1882. Appendix, page 211.
- CLEMENTS, DAVID W. (69), Senior Grand Warden, 1906-07. Portrait and sketch, 1906. Appendix "B," page 30.
- CLEVELAND, W. F. (321), Senior Grand Warden, 1901-02. Portrait and sketch by J. E. Morcombe, 1901. Appendix "B," page 54.
- COLTON, WILLIAM A. (22), Grand Treasurer, 1875. Sketch, 1900. Pages 14, 133.
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APPENDIX B.

Officers and Members
of Lodges under
Dispensation.

“To forget one’s ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.”



OF LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION, 1908-1909.

SUNSET LODGE (604), ROYAL, CLAY COUNTY.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. O. B. Scott, W. M. | 6. A. W. Finch, S. D. |
| 2. C. B. Bailey, S. W. | 7. F. C. Forest, J. D. |
| 3. C. P. Christensen, J. W. | 8. Charles Copp, S. Stew. |
| 4. L. T. Hjelm, Treasurer. | 9. Eben Baily, J. Stew. |
| 5. H. W. Hendricksen, Secy. | 10. D. S. Jones, Tyler. |

MASTER MASONS.

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| 11. Leonard Ericksen. | 16. H. L. Bone. |
| 12. John Kruse. | 17. George H. Dumkrieger. |
| 13. M. O. Newman. | 18. J. O. Johnson |
| 14. Charles Sanks. | 19. H. J. Treeby. |
| 15. Thomas Wetmore. | |

FELLOW-CRAFTS.

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| Ole Nelson. | W. F. Peterson. |
| Charles Peck. | |

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

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| H. P. Hendricksen. | J. P. Wagner. |
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GOLDEN SHEAF LODGE (605), ROCK VALLEY, SIOUX COUNTY.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. Robert Roantree, W. M. | 6. A. J. Schirmer, S. D. |
| 2. M. S. Huie, S. W. | 7. J. W. Jacobs, J. D. |
| 3. N. A. Fink, J. W. | 8. A. W. Hakes, S. Stew. |
| 4. John J. Large, Treasurer. | 9. H. H. Pember, J. Stew. |
| 5. C. W. Jacobs, Secy. | 10. William Mathews, Tyler. |

MASTER MASONS.

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| 11. I. E. Eldridge. | 15. J. F. Schulte. |
| 12. W. G. Harkins. | 16. J. C. Vitzthum |
| 13. Richard Huizenga. | 17. C. A. Walhof. |
| 14. D. L. Renshaw. | |

FELLOW-CRAFTS.

H. E. Rounds.

J. A. Parkinson.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

W. E. Blatherwick.

AVALON LODGE (606), EDGEWOOD, CLAYTON COUNTY.

OFFICERS.

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| 1. L. B. Blanchard, W. M. | 6. M. N. Newman, S. D. |
| 2. C. S. Todd, S. W. | 7. F. L. Weyant, J. D. |
| 3. C. B. Madison, J. W. | 8. Erle K. Rulon, S. Stew. |
| 4. F. H. Hatch, Treasurer. | 9. R. L. Bixby, J. Stew. |
| 5. G. W. Pilkington, Secy. | 10. G. W. Hobbs, Tyler. |

MASTER MASONS.

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| 11. F. W. Beyer. | 17. A. O. Seward. |
| 12. I. N. Harris. | 18. Fred Weyant. |
| 13. E. L. Noble. | 19. M. L. Weyant. |
| 14. C. J. Rulon. | 20. J. D. Whipple. |
| 15. K. Rulon. | 21. E. B. Shaffer. |
| 16. George Sadler. | |

ENTERED APPRENTICES.

W. D. Davis.

Charles Blanchard.

Floyd A. Peet.

Ira S. Bower.

APPENDIX C.

Sketches of Elective
Grand Officers.

Social Features.

"Let us cherish the record of those we honor, and forget not those who have so royally entertained us."

P. J. MARTIN,

Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, 1908-1909.

(With Steel Portrait).

By GEO. R. TURNER.



HE brother who presided over the deliberations of the last Grand Lodge was born November 5, 1860. His parents were Quakers, and, of course, anti-Mason, and although instilling into

his young mind many of the admirable traits and characteristics of those excellent people, the door was somehow left open for the entrance of the tenets of Freemasonry. He first saw the light on an Iowa farm, near New Providence, in Hardin county, where he remained faithful to his filial duties until he attained his majority. His education (in the common acceptance of the term) was limited to the country school, but the cultivation and discipline of the powers of his mind were continued in the "school of experience," from which he graduated, and in which he has taken, and is still taking post graduate work.

His early tendencies were nomadic, the pastures wherein he sought to graze being the fields of practical knowledge and varied instruction that can only be obtained by personal observation and trial, and in a domestic sense he is a traveler of the 33d degree.

On leaving the farm, at the age of 21, he took up telegraphy as a means of earning a livelihood, and as soon as he acquired proficiency as an operator, entered the service of the C. & N. W. R. R. Co. This soon led to a knowledge of office work in all its various branches, and later he served as agent of the Iowa Central for eight years, at Eldora, and still later, three years at Iowa Falls, as agent of the C. & N. W. In 1895 he purchased a drug store at Lake City, qualified as a

pharmacist, and conducted a successful business for two years, when he moved to Waterloo and engaged in the real estate business, which he has since followed with a marked degree of success, having acquired a competency of this world's goods and being disposed to enjoy it to the utmost. In May, 1884, he married Miss Jessie L. Ayers, of Eldora. Three daughters blessed their union, all of whom are models of excellence and justly the pride of their progenitors.

In the spring of 1901 he was elected mayor of the city of Waterloo and re-elected in 1903. During his administration as chief magistrate the city had a remarkable growth, and gained a prestige that was extraordinary and unusual. The elements that are ever the bane of civic government soon learned that laws were made to be obeyed and not to be violated or evaded; and with the nice perception of appreciating, and the ready power of doing what is required by circumstances, he gained and held control with the determination and courage of one who has authority.

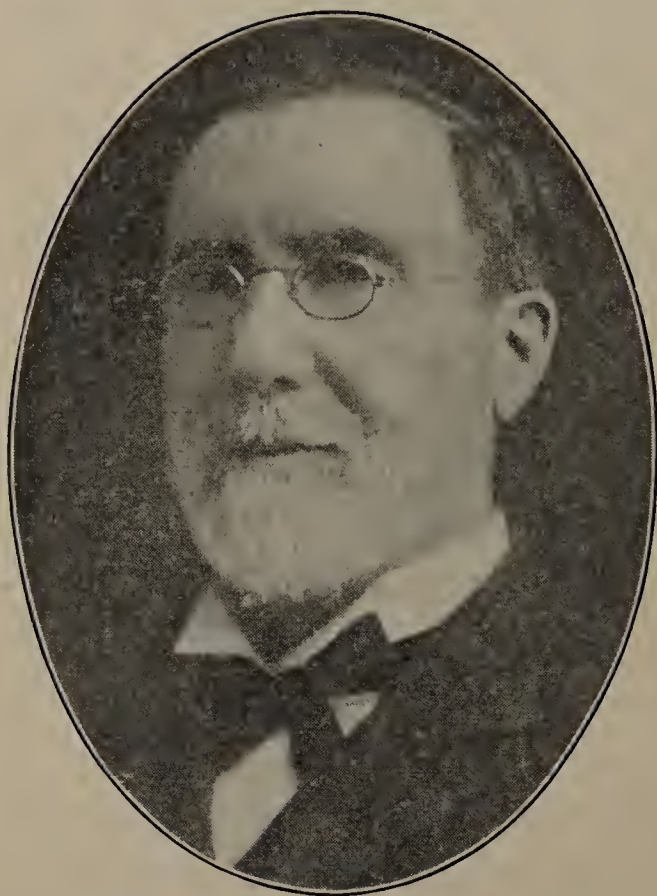
Brother Martin was initiated June 10, 1885; passed July 15, 1885, and raised August 8, 1885, in Montague Lodge, No. 117, at Eldora. Exalted to the most sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason September 16, 1887, in Evergreen Chapter, No. 55, at Eldora. Knighted October 20, 1892, in St. Elmo Commandery, No. 48, at Iowa Falls. Received the 32d degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, at Des Moines, Iowa, April 25, 1905. Moved to Iowa Falls in 1890, became a member of Mason's Home Lodge, No. 192, and served as Master in 1895. Moved to Waterloo in 1897 and affiliated with Waterloo Lodge, No. 105; was elected Master in 1899, and served seven consecutive years. During this long term as Master he had the unique distinction of raising 216 Masons and affiliating 189, thus adding 405 to the membership of his lodge, or an average of 58 annually, making it the largest numerically and one of the best generally in the entire state, always harmonious, and Masonic enthusiasm always at a high pitch.

Finances increased as never before. Beginning with practically no funds, he closed his term with not less than \$15,000 in the treasury. He was active in the organization of the Masonic Temple Association of Waterloo, and is yet its secretary and manager. This movement has resulted in giving the Masonic bodies and the Order of the Eastern Star of Waterloo a comfortable, substantial, and commodious home, that is now worth at least \$50,000, and is owned by the bodies above named and gives them, without expense, the use of the entire upper story, which comprises one of the most beautiful and convenient lodge rooms in Iowa, parlors, banquet hall, etc., all comfortably furnished, besides providing an income of about \$2,100 a year. Much, very much of the credit due for this happy consummation belongs to Brother Martin. He has filled all the offices, both elective and appointive, in the Blue Lodge; was Patron of Waterloo Chapter, No. 128, Order of the Eastern Star, three years; Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter one year, and Grand Patron two years; he was elected Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1903, and served one year. After being active in committee work six years, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, June, 1908.

He has none of the so-called "bad habits," never used liquor or tobacco in any form. He has no church affiliation, although his wife is a Universalist. Like Abou Ben Adhem, *he loves his fellowmen*. In his sphere of action he commands the esteem of the most respectable, the love of the most lowly, and the respect even of his enemies, who, on account of his aggressiveness against and uncompromising hostility to evil doers, are not few, although many a man who has been up in arms against him, is now enlisted under the Martin banner, his fighting friend. He has made a good Grand Master, and Waterloo and Iowa are proud of him. His good work will follow him through life and he will be an example for others to follow.

DAVID W. CLEMENTS,

Most Worshipful Grand Master.



The brother whose name heads this page was this year honored by being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the highest honor in the gift of that body to bestow. Brother Clements is well known to the Masons of the state, having served his home lodge as Master and having been honored as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, later elected as Senior Grand Warden, and for years a member of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, it was but natural that he should be advanced to the office of Grand Master.

He has for years been prominent in our sister body,

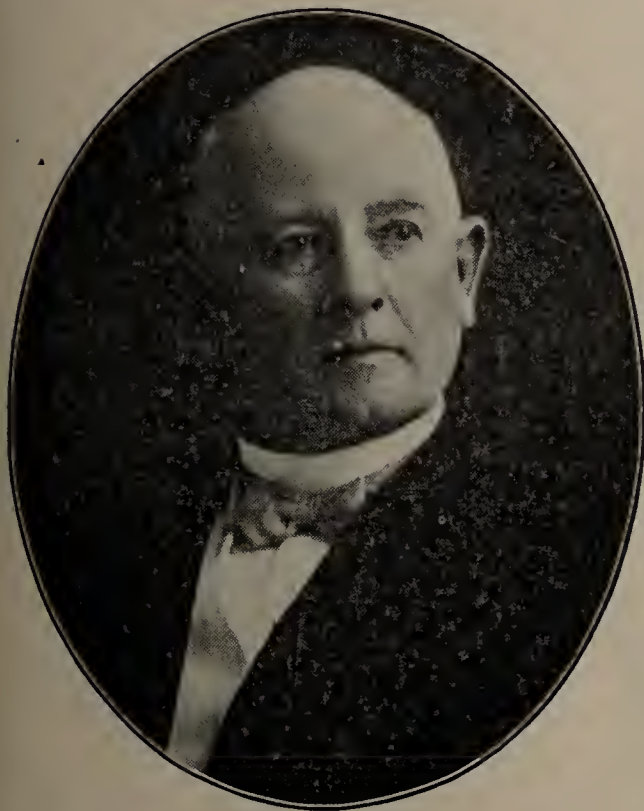
the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, being a Past Grand Commander and for years one of the Trustees of Templar Park.

He first saw the light of day July 9, 1846, at County Antrim, Ireland, and with his Scotch parents came to America in 1848, removing to Iowa in 1857. He entered the army during the civil war, joining the Eighth Iowa Cavalry. On his return home he located in West Union where he has made his home ever since. He became interested in the study of law; graduated from the State University in 1874; returned to his home town where he has resided continuously since graduation, and by skill and unremitting attention to his business has built up a successful practice, and is now known as one of the leading lawyers of northeastern Iowa.

He was initiated in Clermont Lodge, No. 160, at Clermont, April 18, 1872, and later became Master of West Union Lodge, No. 69; a member of Unity Chapter, No. 62, Elgin, Iowa, and of Beauseant Commandery, Decorah, and of Zarephath Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R., of Davenport. Upon his return home from Grand Lodge the Masons of his own town tendered him a reception which was in every way a success.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON,

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.



The office of Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year is filled by a man of high character and ripened intellect, one who but a year ago was honored by election as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, a position he filled with credit to himself, honor to the fraternity, and with perfect satisfaction to his brethren. Like our Most Worshipful Grand Master, he is a member of the legal profession engaged for years in the practice of the law with eminent success, until elevated to the bench in 1897, which position he still retains. Like his honored chief he, too, comes of Scotch-

Irish parentage and inherits that strong decisive character so well known to those of that race. He is a regular attendant upon Divine worship, with a leaning to the Presbyterian faith.

Our brother is noted for his good qualities of head and heart, genial, whole-souled, and generous, a fine traveling companion, making and retaining friends, always the life of the company in which he is placed. Born at Coshocton, Ohio, May 6, 1851, coming to Iowa with his parents in 1856, he settled in Poweshiek county, spending much of his time on the home farm, showing always his early training of country life, and being interested in fine stock; he attended country school and in early manhood took up the study of the law; was admitted to the bar in 1872, and engaged for years in the practice of his profession in Sioux county, where he is well and favorably known.

Brother Hutchinson was made a Mason in Lafayette Lodge, No. 52, at Montezuma, Iowa, May 6, 1876, and since that date has been a Mason in very deed and truth. He was in 1883 elected Master of Dale Lodge, No. 456, of Hawarden, and in 1898 filled the Oriental chair of Floyd Lodge, No. 537, of Alton, with which lodge he now holds membership. Of the other Masonic bodies Brother Hutchinson has received the Capitular and Chivalric degrees. He is also a member of the A. A. N. M. S., holding membership in Abu-Bekr Temple, of Sioux City.

HUGH WILLIAM HUGHES,

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.



Brother Hughes was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, November 16, 1870. His boyhood days were spent in Lime Springs, Iowa, where he attended public school. He graduated from Grinnell College in 1892 and spent two years in post graduate work at the University of Chicago. He has served as president of the Alumni Association of Grinnell College, and is now a member of its board of trustees.

He was united in marriage to Miss Clare E. Wiley, at Grinnell in 1893—the venerable Prof. L. F. Parker performing the ceremony. His family consists of three children—

—Helen, age 15; Gladys, age 11, and Roland, age 9.

Brother Hughes moved to West Liberty in 1893, where he resided for twelve years and where he was made a Mason in 1897, and a Royal Arch Mason in 1901. During his residence there he served ten years as president of the public library board and six years as a member of the board of education. His experience in library work made his selection as Committee on Grand Lodge Library an appropriate one, and his report was well received.

In 1905 he moved to Burlington where he has since been employed as chief clerk of the Burlington district of the railway mail service.

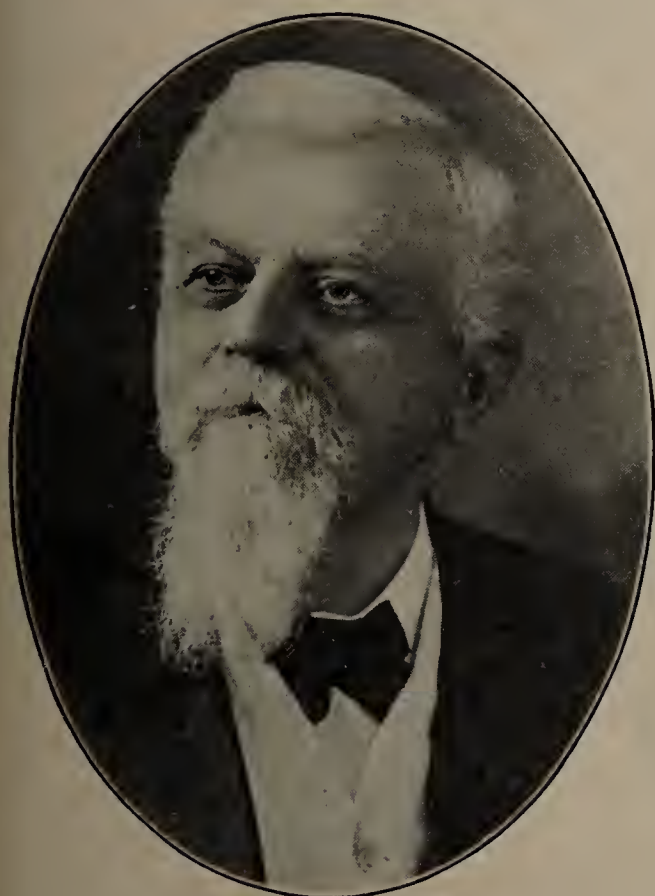
At present he is a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1; High Priest of Iowa Chapter, No. 1, and Prelate of St. Omer Commandery, No. 15. He is also a District Lecturer and a member of the Board of Custodians of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

In 1906 he attended the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star at Mason City, and invited that body to hold its next annual session at Burlington. His invitation was not only accepted but he was also elected Worthy Grand Patron.

He is an accurate ritualist, a fluent speaker, and an enthusiastic student of Masonic history.

CHARLES D. BECKER,

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.



The subject of this sketch was born in Jefferson county, New York, July 12, 1841. His father died when he was 12 years old, but the mother, a lovable, capable woman, strong in the characteristics of American motherhood, kept the family together and gave her children such opportunities for education and progression as her environments warranted, and which, coupled with the precepts and example of her own admirable womanhood, insured to them the stable character that has always attached to good moral influence. At the age of 20 he began teaching in the common schools. In August, 1862, just one month after he had attained his majority, he enlisted in Company D, Tenth New York heavy artillery, and served with that

regiment in the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war.

Immediately after his return to civil pursuits he sought his childhood home, where in the fall of the year 1865 he received the degrees of Symbolic Masonry in Carthage Lodge, No. 158, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York.

In June, 1866, "The Star of Empire" beckoned him "west," and he found a home in Iowa, where he has ever since resided. In 1878 he was active in an effort to organize a lodge at Reinbeck, in Grundy county, and later became a charter member of Coin Lodge, No. 394, of that city. Here he began a career as "a laborer in the vineyard" that is seldom equaled. He moved to Waterloo in 1884 and affiliated with Waterloo Lodge, No. 105, the following year. His first official endeavor was in the capacity of Junior Deacon of Coin Lodge, No. 394, he being the first appointee to that position. His marked ability as a ritualist and worker was at once recognized and he was advanced rapidly through the stations and served as Master two or more years before his move to Waterloo. Shortly after becoming a member of Lodge No. 105, he was elected Master and served seven and one-half years, and then declined a re-election on account of ill health.

He received the Chapter and Commandery degrees in Vinton during the year 1882, and the Consistory degrees in Iowa Consistory, No. 2, of Cedar Rapids, in October, 1908. For the past several years he has been a District Lecturer.

Though his hair has the silver luster of age, his spirit has the animation and inspiration of youth, and no opportunity for the up-building of Masonry escapes his watchfulness for the interests of the order. His election as Junior Grand Warden, coming as it did, unexpectedly, is none the less appreciated by Brother Becker and his multitude of friends. In 1868 he married Miss Almeda Sarvay, his boyhood sweetheart, and together they are now enjoying the fruits of a well spent life, proud in the parentage of four children, all grown to noble manhood and womanhood.

CHARLES EDWARD NAREY,

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.



"Old men for council, young men for service," might well apply to those who have been chosen to preside over the treasury of the Grand Lodge.

Of late years almost all of the occupants of the office of Grand Treasurer have been young men.

The present occupant of that office is no exception to the rule, having been born at Osage in 1873. To those who have visited the lake region of northern Iowa he is well and favorably known as the accommodating cashier of the First National Bank, of Spirit Lake.

Grand Master Cleveland, during his administration, in a joking way stopped our brother at the close of the session of Grand Lodge, and said: "Ed, why are you not helping the boys on the Finance Committee? They have a lot of hard work to do." To which our brother responded that he was not a member of any committee, whereupon Brother Cleveland responded: "Well, sir, I now appoint you as the third member of the Committee on Finance; pull off your coat and get to work," and he did and has been kept at it ever since.

At the last session of Grand Lodge he had the unusual honor of being elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year by acclamation, an honor seldom conferred upon an officer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The Masonic record of Brother Narey is as follows: Made a Mason in Grace Lodge, No. 519, at Laurens, Iowa, February 24, 1898, and served as Worshipful Master for three years. In 1892 affiliated with Twilight Lodge, No. 329, at Spirit Lake; received the Chapter degrees in Sioux Rapids Chapter, No. 129, at Sioux Rapids, in 1900; affiliated with Spirit Lake Chapter, No. 132, at Spirit Lake, in 1902, and served as High Priest in 1905; received the Orders of Knighthood in Rose Croix Commandery, No. 38, at Sac City, in January, 1902, and affiliated with Esdraelon Commandery, No. 52, at Estherville, in 1903, and served as Eminent Commander in 1907. A record of which any young Mason might feel proud and which proves that he possesses the qualifications which fit him for the position to which he has been elected.

INCIDENTS OF THE WEEK.



WE PRESENT herewith a brief account of the social side of the meeting of Grand Lodge as “seen through the eyes of a woman,” Miss Helen Donnan, an assistant in the office, who

during the past two years has occupied the position so long held by Miss Dennis, well and favorably known to the members of Grand Lodge.

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There is a certain charm of novelty in going to a city for the first time, but we look forward with delightful anticipation to a visit in a city with whose attractions we are familiar and whose hospitality we have tested. It was, therefore, with peculiar pleasure that the members of Grand Lodge looked forward to the session this year, as it was held for the fifteenth time in the city of Davenport.

The local committee, of which Brother W. F. Fidler was chairman, announced that it was the desire to make this session a record breaker for hospitality and good feeling, and to carry out their wishes they spared neither time nor money.

The injunction sent prior to the meeting, “If you do not see what you want, ask for it,” followed by that of the brother who extended a welcome on behalf of the Masons of the city, “If you see anything you want, take it,” was indicative of the genial spirit of hospitality which prevailed during the entire week.

The School of Instruction, which occupied three days before the opening of the Grand Lodge, was largely attended, and, as usual, the brethren derived much benefit and enjoyment from it. Monday evening, on the stage of the Turner Grand Opera House, the Custodians exemplified the work of

the third degree in full form, and this beautiful ceremony was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience.

During the closing hours of the school there occurred an "episode" which will linger long in the memory of those privileged to witness the same. The District Lecturers, as evidence of the high esteem in which Brother C. C. Clark, Past Grand Master and Secretary of the Board of Custodians, is held by them presented him with a very handsome Masonic charm. One of the active District Lecturers, Brother F. B. Whitaker, Past Junior Grand Warden, in a few well chosen words expressed the regard in which Brother Clark is held by his associates, and made the presentation.

Brother Clark, though taken by surprise and much affected, expressed his thanks for this token of brotherly love and good *will in one of those characteristic speeches for which he is noted.

Sunday seemed to be reception day, as a large number of the members and visitors were entertained in private homes. In the afternoon the citizens generously offered the use of their automobiles and all were treated to a ride around the three cities, including the many miles of driveway on the government island. This island contains over a thousand acres, and the government has spent many millions of dollars in improvements on it, making it one of the most beautiful spots in all the middle west.

We were also taken through the various parks for which Davenport is noted. These comprise one thousand acres, and the improvements on them are not excelled anywhere in Iowa.

Lack of space forbids a description of the many places of interest visited in and around the cities. We can only mention a few, such as the Arsenal, Academy of Sciences, Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Public Libraries, the finest high school in the state, historic Black Hawk Watch Tower, the best water works system in the Mississippi Valley, and numerous large factories.

On Tuesday the committee had chartered the steamer "W. W." with barge, for the use of the delegates. Leaving the

dock at 3 P. M. and returning at 6, about eight hundred enjoyed the ten mile trip down the "Father of Waters." The scenery at this season of the year is more beautiful than at any other time, and this excursion was a treat to all, especially to the representatives from the inland towns and cities. Music was provided for those who wished to dance, and the ladies of the Eastern Star served light refreshments.

In the evening the spacious grounds of the Davenport Outing Club were thrown open to the visitors. A band concert by one of the famous Davenport bands was followed by dancing, which all enjoyed until a late hour.

The vaudeville entertainment at the Burtis Opera House on Wednesday evening was especially good on account of the "local hits," which caused much merriment.

These gatherings, affording the brethren an opportunity to forget "committee work" and the business cares of the session for a few hours and mingle in social intercourse, are the most delightful features of the annual meetings, and the efforts of the Entertainment Committee to provide an abundance of social pleasures were appreciated by all.

With the Grand Lodge badge each delegate was presented with tickets entitling him to free rides over any of the street car lines in the Tri-cities. The badge also gave free access to all public places of interest.

In the Journal of Proceedings reference has been made to the reception of several members over eighty-two years of age, Brothers N. Scofield, R. D. Minard, and J. W. Jamison, each of whom was in Grand Lodge a half a century ago. When received they gave reminiscences of their early connection with the fraternity and of their first appearance in Grand Lodge. The first two were guests of the local lodges, while Brother Jamison, the oldest living elective Grand Officer present, is Tyler of the Masonic bodies of Davenport, which station he has occupied for many years.

"God bless the Old Tyler! how oft he has knocked,
When, vigilant, strangers claimed welcome and rest!
How widely your portals, though guarded and locked,
Have swung to the signal the Tyler knows best!

“There’s a Lodge where the door is *not* guarded nor tyled,
There’s a Land without graves, without mourners or sin,
There’s a MASTER most gracious, paternal and mild,
And he waits the Old Tyler, and bids him come in!”

The number of ladies present this year was larger than for some years past, about sixty-five registering with the Committee on Visitors. They were well cared for by the ladies of Davenport Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. They arranged special work for Wednesday afternoon, and this was followed by a reception and banquet at the Masonic Temple. In the evening they were entertained by a literary and musical program, after which all attended the theatre.

One unique incident is worthy of special mention. Just before the call to labor on Wednesday afternoon the Grand Master requested Past Grand Master W. H. Norris to step forward and escort to the stage Mrs. Bessie Bills, who was in waiting. As he came forward the Grand Master introduced him to the brethren as the Worthy Grand Patron of the United States of America, after which Brother Norris introduced Mrs. Bessie Bills, the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa, who conveyed fraternal greetings from that body to the Grand Lodge. She stated that she was deeply impressed with the beauty, power, and magnitude of the order, and she trusted each would live up to its teachings of pure, true, noble manhood. She hoped each would go away benefitted by the meeting and strengthened for the battle of life; that all would carry away pleasant recollections of Davenport and her people, and a desire to return to that city.

Brother F. L. Bills, from the Committee on Visitors, then had the pleasure of introducing Brother O. C. Meredith, who, on behalf of the sister organization which he has the honor to serve as Grand Patron, presented cordial greetings from the twenty-eight thousand members of that body. He briefly reviewed the work of the Eastern Star Home at Boone, in which the members of the Masonic fraternity, as well as the members of the Eastern Star, are interested.

These two Grand Officers had been appointed at the last annual meeting of the Grand Chapter to extend greetings to the Grand Lodge, and this graceful act was appreciated by all present.

The papers of Davenport were filled with interesting accounts of the organization and history of the Grand Lodge, of events connected with early meetings held in that city, and of the men who were participants in former annual gatherings. These sketches gave the members much information and proved of interest to even the casual reader. • We acknowledge our indebtedness to the press and extend to them this toast:

“Health to the press! that giveth
All liberty its birth;
That everlasting liveth
As long as this old earth.”

One of the *busiest* committees—not, however, on the regular schedule—was the one which during “refreshment” indulged in a series of Round Table Talks, Harry Belt *et al.* presiding. It is rumored that the “call to labor” for them was frequently prolonged until a very late hour.

This committee is composed largely of “men of finance,” generally known as the Past Grand Treasurers, who with a few congenial souls endeavor to obey the injunction of Longfellow:

“And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.”

Although not on the regular pay-roll of the Grand Lodge, they are without doubt the best paid committee, for they “get out of life just what they put into it.”

The Masons and citizens of Davenport used every effort to uphold the reputation of their city for hospitality, and the members of Grand Lodge will show their appreciation of the treatment accorded them by the alacrity with which the invitation to “come again and come often” will be accepted whenever it shall be formally presented to that body.

REPORT ON FRATERNAL
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TO THE

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A. F. & A. M.

AT THE

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication,

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Prologue.

The request of Grand Master Martin that we act as the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Iowa came to us with a shock of surprise, and we asked for time in which to collect our senses and give the matter due consideration. The recollection of the Past Master's degree conferred upon us some years hence was still fresh in our minds. We recalled that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and were possessed of a great fear of snapping off a larger portion than we could masticate. We felt that if we stayed in our old place on the Committee on Appeals and Grievances we would be much less liable to grow long and fuzzy ears. That was a job we felt we knew something about, one that was more suited to our liking, one in which we were far less liable to make miserable mistakes. We felt we had been of some service to the Grand Lodge in effecting satisfactory settlements of several strenuous "scraps," and would not have found it out of the way to be asked to continue in that work.

But to be called upon to take a seat in the company of the most potent, grave, and reverend seigneurs who grace the round table of Masonic correspondence, and who resent vigorously the intrusion of any new-hatched and untried comrade into their charmed circle—that—that was quite another matter.

Yet, after all, what right had we to refuse? That would be telling the Grand Master that "he didn't know a horse when he saw one," and would be casting aspersions upon his judgment of men.

Besides, we reflected that if the work that we might bring up from the quarries for inspection did not turn out a perfect ashlar, the Grand Master would have to share the blame with us. If he persisted in putting a monkey-wrench mechanic at work on the machine, 'twould be his fault if it didn't move gracefully down the road. We felt that if *he* could stand it *we* could.

But the controlling consideration causing us to accept the appointment was our realization of the opportunity it afforded us of venting in print some of our pet ideas. Here was a chance of riding our hobbies hard—a chance that might not come again—one we could not afford to lose.

Wherefore, dearly beloved, we make three shakes at the round table blotter with the fountain pen in our own right hand, crave room in your circle, and permission to “sit in” the game.

We shall need a little more room than that heretofore occupied by “Joe” Morcombe, “Charlie” Clark, or our genial and kindly Father Fellows, especially in view of the fact that some months since an irreverent and sacrilegious brother, viewing our delicate Teutonic proportions, saluted us with the title of “Grand Wide Priest.”

Move over, brothers, move over.

Alabama.

Most Worshipful Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful William Y. Titcombe, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, December 7, 1909.

This volume of proceedings is prefaced by a portrait of a fine, silver-haired gentleman of noble countenance, who we are given to understand is Brother Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama convened its Eighty-eighth Annual Communication at the city of Montgomery on December 1, 1908, with a full roster of officers present. There were also in attendance five Past Grand Masters and one Past Grand Secretary, with three hundred and ninety-one lodges represented. In his annual address the Grand Master complimented his brethren in the following language:

“Our order has greatly grown in numbers and in influence. Taking note that its tenets are all good and are as refined gold; that it teaches the fundamental moral doctrines, without which society cannot exist; that the common Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, and the obligations, duties, and privileges flowing therefrom, are held by us as most precious truths, and that the members of our fraternity endeavor to exemplify these truths in their lives, and are good citizens, and useful men, obeying the law and exercising charity, we have the confidence and admiration of the people of the country, and are esteemed as one of the potent factors for good in society. To increasingly deserve this confidence should ever be our aim, and we should be always thankful that our Great Master has helped us to be true to the trusts He has committed to us.”

During the year thirteen corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, including several schools, a Y. M. C. A.

building, a Jewish synagogue, a Carnegie library, a court house, a high school, a university building, a church, and a Masonic hall, a record of which the Grand Lodge of Alabama may well be proud.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master the following have attracted our attention:

"11. The petition for initiation by a railroad section foreman who, living in Georgia, removed to Gadsden, Ala., where he lived nine months, then removed to Georgia where he lived seven months, and then moved back to Alabama where he lived ten months cannot be re-received and acted on until he has resided continuously in Alabama twelve months.

"66. The song, 'Nearer My God to Thee,' as prescribed and printed in our Masonic manual to be used in the second section of third degree, is not sectarian. It is one of the noblest and most inspiring of modern songs, and believers in God of whatever race, sect, or denomination may sing it. It is a poetical prayer addressed to God, who is worshiped by all Masons, and no sentiment in it can be construed as violating any religious belief of any Mason. In this respect it is like those psalms of the Bible, comforting and elevating all believers in God and His goodness, and in the singing of which all may unite, however diverse and peculiar their views may be.

"It is not in any sense a doctrinal hymn, but is universal in its application to all who may respond to the prayer that our lives may be lived ever nearer and nearer to God, and that the trials and burdens and crosses and darkness of this life, instead of overwhelming us shall but lift us toward Him, the Father of us all."

It seems that under the Masonic law of Alabama the decisions of the Grand Master have the force of edicts, and are therefore subject to very careful scrutiny at the hands of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who either approve, carefully modify, or reject such decisions as meets with their pleasure, and in conformity to their ideas as to what a correct statement of the law governing the case should consist.

Some interesting correspondence took place between Brother Silas B. Wright, Chairman of Corresponding Committee of Grand Lodge of Florida, and the Grand Master of Alabama. Through its committee Florida asked Alabama as to its rule governing the issue of special dispensations for lodges to attend church services in regalia, and to this question Alabama, through its Grand Master, responded as follows:

"The rule in this Grand Jurisdiction is that Masons cannot turn out in Masonic processions except on Masonic occasions. I find no ruling on the precise question, whether Masonic lodges can attend church service in regalia, nor am I aware of any dispensation issued in this Grand Jurisdiction authorizing such attendance. Of course, lodges may and do attend service at church where such service is a Masonic occasion, and the lodge would then attend in regalia and would not require a dispensation for that purpose."

And the answer was duly approved by the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

We cannot but regret that the language of this answer was not more clear-cut and positive, for it seems to us that the rule ought to be stated in such a way as to leave no doubt whatever of its significance and meaning.

As we look at it a Masonic lodge has no right to put the seal of its approval upon the particular denominational or sectarian creed of any church by attending the religious services of that church, either as a body or in full regalia, unless it be incidental to the attending of the funeral of a brother who is buried from such a church.

The moment that the order suffers itself to become in any way involved in the quarrels of the churches, or to show the slightest preference for one creed or doctrine, as against another, from that moment quarrels and dissensions begin, the order loses its universality, and its doom is sealed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in one of its reports submits the following tests as forming a standard of recognition of other Grand Lodges:

"1. Does the applying body confine itself to the practice of the three degrees of symbolic Masonry?

"2. Does it hold itself bound to keep inviolate the ancient landmarks?

"3. Is it a sovereign, ancient Grand Lodge, acknowledging no other superior, such as a Supreme Council, the peer of the Grand Lodge to whom the application is made?"

We are inclined to approve of this test as one of the best that we have met with anywhere. Some of our Grand Lodges, however, are inclined to apply only the historical test, and that is that the applying body shall be one chartered directly by the Grand Lodge of England, or chartered by some other Grand Lodge which in turn holds its charter from the Grand Lodge of England by direct descent. We believe, however, that true York Rite Masonry is not so much a matter of descent or inheritance as it is a matter of certain peculiar essential qualifications, and that a Grand Lodge which has these qualifications, and is in sovereign and undisputed control of its territory, ought to be recognized, whether it can show a direct descent from some other duly recognized lodge or not.

The Grand Lodge refused to recognize the Grand Lodges of Paraguay, Guatemala, or the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua, Mexico, for the reason that it did not have reliable information that they could fulfill the requirements of the test which their committee imposed. They took the same action with regard to the petitions of the Grand Lodge of Chile and the Grand Orient of Brazil, saying with reference to the latter that it was not entitled to recognition for the reason that it was not a sovereign Grand Body, and hence not a peer of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Eight new lodges were chartered during the year.

Fifteen regularly chartered lodges failed to report on a proposition amending the constitution, and the Grand Master directed the

Grand Secretary to summon the Masters of the non-reporting lodges to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication and give their reasons for failing to report.

Brother William Y. Titcombe, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, succeeded in turning out a most elaborate report for the year 1908, in which he reviewed sixty jurisdictions, seven of these being for two years. His industry and zeal are certainly worthy of the highest commendation.

Of the 268 pages constituting this report, Iowa receives five full pages. He says of Grand Master Hunter:

“The Grand Master’s address includes a plain, straight forward review of his administration, covering twenty pages, offering few recommendations deemed important, together with a small number (five) of decisions, and reference to subjects claiming attention.”

Speaking of the report of Grand Secretary Parvin, he states that “he is in charge of the finest Masonic Library on the continent *we suppose.*” We only regret that Brother Titcombe has not had an opportunity of seeing our grand library in order to reduce this supposition to a certainty.

Commenting on the case of the druggist pleading guilty under the charge of selling “booze,” he does not like either the language of our Grand Master or the revision of that language made by our Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, but suggests language of his own which he believes to be more explicit.

Concerning our method of dispensing charity, he comments as follows:

“The report of the Trustees Grand Charity Fund made it apparent that the Iowa plan of dispensing charity is one of the wisest that could be adopted. The names of the beneficiaries were not announced even in Grand Lodge—so the left hand did not know what the right hand was doing.”

We are certainly glad to know of this appreciation, as it seems hard to make some of the brethren of the round table see the difference between secret personal help and institutionalized charity.

Of the work of Brother Fellows, as our Committee on Correspondence, he says: “Brother Fellows ably and concisely summarizes the Proceedings which pass under his criticising eye.”

Arizona.

Most Worshipful Fletcher Morris Doan, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George J. Roskruge, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Anthony A. Johns, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, February 11, 1910.

The genial, kindly features of Grand Master Cyrus G. Jones look out upon us from the first page of this modest volume of Proceedings.

In his annual address the Grand Master discusses the very vexing and yet most important matter of the administration of substantial relief by a lodge of one jurisdiction to a brother of another Grand Jurisdiction who suffers misfortune within the borders of the first jurisdiction. The case which brought this matter to a head between the Grand Lodges of Arizona and Texas was like this:

"On January 2, 1907, Brother B. L. Purvis, a member of Ben Franklin Lodge, No. 653, of Franklin, Texas, was seriously injured in a railroad wreck near Kine, Arizona, a station on the S. P. Ry. in Arizona. He was riding a freight train without a railroad ticket, which, of course, excuses the railroad company from all liabilities. His injuries, as reported by Brother J. A. Ketcherside, M. D., were, that his left thigh was fractured in two places, one being near the hip, and another about four inches below. He also had several minor injuries, a cut on the hand and several cuts about the face and bruises all over the body. No internal injuries.

"Sometime later it became necessary to amputate his left leg about four inches below the groin. After receiving his injuries he was taken to Yuma, Arizona, where he was cared for by the members of Yuma Lodge at quite an expense, which expense was as follows:

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| Physician and surgeon, Dr. Ketcherside..... | \$ 50.00 |
| Hospital bill, Wilson House..... | 34.00 |
| Warrants for meals to restaurant..... | 15.00 |
| Nurse hire | 56.00 |
| Total | \$155.00 |

"The above amount does not include any personal expense borne by individuals of Yuma Lodge.

"Ben Franklin Lodge sent Brother Purvis \$50.00, which was expended for medicine, clothing, crutches, etc.

"In a communication from Ben Franklin Lodge to Yuma Lodge, dated August 22, 1907, the Ben Franklin Lodge stated that they were unable to do more for Brother Purvis than above stated; that their lodge was weak, only thirty-seven members, composed of old and poor men, and in fact had not sufficient funds to pay off the above claim.

"As Yuma Lodge is young, it can ill afford to lose so great a sum, and I trust the Grand Lodge of Texas will see the justice of the Yuma Lodge claim; that it may be reimbursed and encouraged in the noble work of charity.

"The last advice received from Brother Purvis was that he was doing some light work around the hospital in Los Angeles, Cal., for which he receives about \$20.00 per month, including room and board, and he is unable to reimburse Yuma Lodge."

The Grand Lodge of Arizona asked the Grand Lodge of Texas to make the Arizona lodge whole in the matter of these expenses, but the Grand Lodge of Texas replied saying that in their opinion "Masonic charity attaches as an individual responsibility and does not spring from lodge organization," and declined to take any action in the matter. We have set forth this case in full here for the reason that it is a typical one and presents for our consideration one of the most troublesome and vexing matters with which the order has to deal in connection with the relations of the Grand Lodge of one state to that of another state.

Grand Master Cleveland, of Iowa, in his annual address at the 1907 session of the Grand Lodge, reported a similar case which our own Grand Lodge had with the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Some of the Grand Lodges are inclined to feel that the brother who is sick and in trouble should be promptly given all the substantial relief which his case requires, and that the lodge furnishing such relief should be made whole by the recipient's own home lodge, and if his own home lodge is *not* in a position to reimburse the lodge furnishing the relief, that then the Grand Lodge to which the recipient's lodge belongs should furnish the funds for this purpose.

Other Grand Lodges, on the contrary, hold that the matter of reimbursing the lodge which furnishes the relief is one that lies entirely and solely between this lodge and the lodge of the member who receives the relief, and that if the latter lodge is not in a position to reimburse the former lodge, then the former lodge will have to go without being reimbursed.

We wish it were possible that some sort of a basis of reimbursement could be agreed upon by and between at least all of the Grand Jurisdictions on the North American continent which grant each other fraternal recognition, so that this vexing question could be settled and some sort of practicable and feasible plan devised by which a local lodge could administer much needed help to a foreign brother.

But we realize that it will be a tremendous task, in the first place, to reconcile the conflicting opinions which prevail upon this matter; and in the second place to get the matter efficiently organized and ratified by all of the Grand Jurisdictions.

It does seem to us, however, that this much at least could be done, and that is that every Grand Lodge could instruct its subordinate lodges that if a subordinate lodge furnish to a foreign brother anything more than immediate, necessary, emergent relief without first telegraphing the brother's home lodge for authority so to do, that it must furnish the relief without hope or expectation of reimbursement.

In our own home city we have three Masonic lodges, and each one sends a representative to a local charity committee which has sole charge of this matter of furnishing relief to foreign brothers, and

it is the practice of this committee to promptly relieve the immediate needs and necessities of the suffering brother and then quickly wire to his own home lodge for authority to furnish any further relief. We find that this plan works smoothly and practically with us, and advises us in advance just what we have a right to expect in the shape of reimbursement for moneys expended for the relief of a foreign brother. We feel that if this system were universally followed that it would result in doing away with a great deal of the ill-feeling that inevitably arises between Grand Lodges over such cases.

The Grand Master reports a gain of 125 in membership during the year. This increase in growth causes him to give utterance to these words of caution, which we heartily endorse:

“Let me admonish the officers and members at this time that in selecting new material for membership, look it over well, see that it will add strength to your lodge, and honor to the fraternity, for as you know that small sentinel of the ballot box, ‘the cube,’ is ever ready to perform its function, and by a careful use of it, the high standard of our order is maintained, for to the world at large our fraternity is judged by the personnel of its membership.”

It seems that the territorial legislature of Arizona has passed “an act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the insignia, distinctive ribbons, membership rosette, or button of benevolent, fraternal, or secret societies or organizations.” And that this statute requires that each society should file in the office of the secretary of state the emblem used by it and its subordinate bodies, as well as by its members, and that in compliance with this law the Grand Lodge of Arizona filed a *fac-simile* of this emblem with such secretary, “the same being a square and compass with the letter ‘G.’”

We are aware that there are in a number of the states laws of similar import, but just how these laws work out in practice, and whether they are a benefit or a detriment to the fraternity, we are unable to determine. It occurs to us, however, that in case one of us should rely upon this law to assure us that a man wearing an emblem was not an imposter, that we might be in great danger of making a serious mistake, and that in those states where such a law exists there will be great temptation on the part of careless and lazy-minded brethren to place too implicit a reliance upon it, and to neglect the other and more sure tests which in the absence of such a law we are now in the habit of relying upon.

Arizona adopted the card system of membership certificates and authorized the Grand Secretary to prepare and issue annually cards certifying to the good standing of the member whose name may be written thereon, such cards to bear the seal of the Grand Lodge, the date of issue, and a *fac-simile* of the signature of the Grand Secretary, and that hereafter visiting members must be required to present such card when seeking admission into any Arizona lodge. Iowa brethren intending to visit Arizona will please take notice.

With reference to the matter of a Committee on Investigation on applications for the degrees, the Grand Lodge passed a regulation as follows:

“Hereafter when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be received the Master, when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names of said committee in open lodge, but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the said committee. When this committee makes its report it shall be to the Master, and he to the lodge, and after the vote has been taken said report shall be destroyed.”

We are curious to know how such a regulation works out in practice. On the one hand, the fact that the names of the committee are not publicly announced has a tendency to make that committee freer in reaching its conclusions as to the real fitness of a candidate, and has a tendency to do away with any hard feeling that might otherwise arise between the recommenders of an application and the members of the committee who report adversely. And yet it seems to us on the other hand that the fact that the committee are known only to the Master and to the Secretary of the lodge places a great deal of power in the hands of only two men, and affords an opportunity for its abuse.

We would like to hear from the brethren of other Grand Lodges where this plan has been in practice as to how it has worked with them.

While the Grand Lodge of Arizona publishes the full membership list of every subordinate lodge within its borders, it gets out no Report on Fraternal Correspondence reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

We submit that in our opinion it would be of greater profit to the craft at large to cut out these useless local lodge statistics and spend the money in printing an interesting report showing what the Grand Lodges of other states and countries are doing in the line of Masonic activity.

Arkansas.

Most Worshipful M. W. Greeson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Sam H. Davidson, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Little Rock, November 17, 1908.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was called to order at Little Rock, November 19, 1907, with a full “force” of Grand Officers and representatives present, including eight Past Grand Masters.

Grand Master Jack Trieber in opening his address paid his compliments both to the veterans and new recruits in the ranks of the Grand Lodge in the following eloquent words:

"Many of those present today have honored this Grand Lodge by their presence all the years which it has been my pleasure to attend, and some many years before; their wise counsel has placed it on the high plane it now occupies; advanced age has not diminished their interest in our great institution, and I trust that the Divine Ruler of the Universe will grant them health, strength, and mental vigor in years to come, in order that we may have their valuable assistance at many future convocations, and by their wise counsel meet all problems no matter how difficult.

"Many of the younger brothers have not been with us so long, but their love for Masonry, combined with youthful ardor, is of great benefit to us in our deliberations. To those who meet with us today for the first time I extend a most hearty welcome; coming fresh from the rank and file of the brotherhood, imbued with that same love which animated the elder brothers, interested in all that makes Masonry worthy of its reputation, you will add your share to make this convocation as successful and beneficial to the order as its sixty-four predecessors, and aid us in drawing upon the trestle board work for the betterment of the craft and of humanity."

Among the Grand Master's decisions the following will be of interest:

"Statement of Facts.—A ballot was had on an application for initiation, when one black ball was found in the box. Thereupon the Master ordered a second ballot with the same result. The ballot box being out of repair a motion was made for a third ballot, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the black ball did not get into the compartment into which the ballots were cast by reason of the defective condition of the ballot box. The Master declined to entertain the motion.

"Decision.—Only two ballots can be taken upon an application for initiation in any event (Sections 73 and 74 Digest), but if the Master is of the opinion that, by reason of a defect of the box there might have been an error, he has the power to order another ballot. But this is a matter left solely to the discretion of the Master, who it will be presumed will act for the best interests of his lodge and the order. If, in his opinion, after two ballots, the black ball was deposited by a member of the lodge, he should not order another ballot; but if he has reasonable cause to believe that the defect in the ballot box might have caused the black ball to roll into that part of the box used for the ballot, he should order another ballot, taking proper precautions to prevent any further doubts as to the result. The Master's discretion in such a matter is final and cannot be controlled by the lodge, which, acting by a majority, might thus indefinitely continue the balloting."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, however, struck out all of this decision appearing after the word "digest," in the second line, presumably on the theory that it was the lodge's duty to have its ballot box in order, and that if it was careless in this respect it would have to suffer the penalty.

It does seem to us that lodges cannot be too careful about the matter of their ballot box. They ought to spend money enough on it

to see that it is correctly and carefully built, and of good material. It should be so made that it is absolutely impossible for one brother to tell how another one is voting. Cubes should be used instead of black balls so that the unfavorable ballot can be distinguished from the favorable ballot by the sense of touch, and the voting brother's hand can be entirely covered from sight while the ballot is being cast.

The receptacle into which the voted ballots are dropped should be lined with soft material of sufficient thickness so as to make the fall of the ballot inaudible to the ear of the listening brethren who sometimes try to determine by the sound of this fall whether a cube or a ball has been voted.

The material with which this receptacle is lined ought to be of a light color, so that a black ball or black cube can be readily distinguished by the officers whose duty it is to pass upon the result of this ballot.

We cannot agree, however, with the following decision, which seems to have been approved by the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage:

"The report of a committee of investigation on an application for initiation should merely be favorable or unfavorable, without any explanation in the report.

"Before the ballot is spread any member of the lodge has the right to make such remarks as would throw any light on the application. The Master should see to it that the remarks do not take up too much time, nor that anything be said which may in any way tend to mar the harmony of the lodge."

We believe that open debate in lodge on the application of a brother for the degrees and an open discussion of his qualifications for membership inevitably leads to dissensions among the brethren and that at the same time to a large degree destroys the secrecy of the ballot, because such discussions cannot help but disclose the names of such members as are for the candidate, as well as the identity of those who are opposed to his election. We feel that the old plan of having the brethren make their objection to the candidate, if any, quietly and secretly to the Committee on Investigation, is the only one that should be tolerated.

During the year charters were issued to a dozen new lodges.

The annual oration was delivered by Brother W. S. Chastain, who delivered a very fine address, the reading of which has afforded us the keenest enjoyment.

Speaking of the object of such an address, he says:

"Some of our Grand Jurisdictions have abolished the office of Grand Orator for the reason, they claim, that the Grand Orator repeats the story that has been told over and over again until the craft, and the world as well, is familiar with the origin and purpose of Masonry. This, in a measure, is true but it is not strictly so. The origin of Masonry and its inevitable purpose have been traced in eloquence from the living present to the slumbering depths of antiquity and published throughout the world, but there remains a duty for the

Grand Orator yet to perform. Our Grand Lecturer and our deputies, under the supervision of our Custodians, impart to us a beautiful symmetry of lecture and sign by which we make ourselves known to be Masons, but the Grand Orator has a different mission; he must remind us of that secret messenger which pervades the inmost recesses of our hearts and there imparts in silence the word by which we know ourselves to be Masons."

We have always felt that there was a deplorable tendency in our Grand Lodges to lay entirely too much emphasis on the perfection of the letter of the ritual to the careless neglect of the promulgation of its meaning and spirit. Perfection in the letter of the ritual can never make an upright man and Mason out of the fellow who fails to grasp its inner meaning, and who fails to appreciate the beauties of thought and sentiment that lie hidden behind the mystery of the symbol.

We quote the following from Brother Chastain's oration as of historical value to the craft at large:

"But, when we study the lives and characters of good Masons, we see in them something that tends towards this perfection; we see an effort to reach higher planes. Let us take an example in the person of John Morton who occupies a limited space in fame.

"When the delegates of our thirteen original colonies assembled in Faneuil Hall to pass on the resolution to cut loose from the old country in the search for liberty and peace under the western stars, John Morton is the man who united the convention in favor of the resolution. The delegates of twelve of the colonies had voted and the convention was tied. Pennsylvania had five delegates who were left to vote. Four of them went forward and voted—two in the negative, two in the affirmative—still the convention was tied. John Morton alone was left to vote. All eyes were turned upon him and he went forward amid that solemn stillness and cast his ballot, saying as he did so: 'Sires, I cast my vote for independence and liberty!' He there gave to Pennsylvania the name of Keystone State and opened the way to a new and prosperous nation. He was a Mason.

"As a natural sequence, war followed and with it unutterable sufferings, but George Washington led the colonists to victory through their own bleeding tracks, never lacking in courage in that fight for liberty and peace. He, too, was a Mason."

Speaking of the relation of Masonry to the church, he said:

"That Masonry has some connection with the Divinity that rights our wrongs and moulds our destinies there can be no doubt; but just what this connection is has puzzled the wisest men of all ages.

"It is liberal but not a supply for every want. It is charitable but it is not a church. The church takes in any man who will get down in the dust of humility and profess a belief in its orthodoxy, but Masonry might for various reasons reject that same man. The church adheres to its peculiar plan of salvation, but Masonry recognizes all creeds as safe if they are in harmony with the God of the Universe. The church goes out into the highways and the hedges and cries aloud for men to come to a throne of grace, but Masonry does not permit a member to solicit a friend to join the institution. Masonry does not claim to be akin to the church; it does not profess to exercise the function which the church fulfills, and yet it is so closely allied with the church that the true Christian and the true

Mason go through life hand in hand, and when the true Christian stands free and alone before the Great White Throne, he intuitively looks around for the true Mason."

The Grand Lodge postponed granting fraternal recognition to two contending Grand Bodies in Greece and also deferred action upon the applications of Paraguay and Uruguay and the Argentine Republic, but admitted the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to fraternal recognition.

Brother Fay Hempstead, of this Grand Lodge, celebrated his sixtieth birthday by reciting to the Grand Lodge the following poem. We are only a common lawyer, but it looks to us like real poetry and good literature, and we give it here in full so that the brethren may pass upon it themselves:

"Is it the lees of life, and nothing more,
When the years have come to the triple score?
Is it only the close of a winter's day,
Where the sunshine fades in the west away?
Is it only the tip of the mountain crest,
Where the lingering rays of the sunlight rest;
And where, through the mists of the past are seen
The ghosts of the joys that once have been;
While down in the valley, far below,
Lie the graves of the things of long ago?

"Nay, nay. Not that. For he who holds
By the simple faith that the world enfolds,
Finds, unto life's last, feeblest spark,
That the daylight far exceeds the dark;
That the seasons bring, as they glide away,
More days of brightness than days of gray;
That the spring gives place, in its varying moods,
To the mellowing tints of the autumn woods;
And stars come out in the evening air,
Which we fail to see in the noonday glare.

"And here, as I backward turn mine eye,
O'er the faded days that behind me lie,
How like a flitting glimpse appears,
The vista made by these sixty years!
Gone; and forever. Beyond recall.
Each deed of itself to stand or fall,
In the eyes of Him who judgeth all.

"But yet we cling to the firmer hope,
That each will be seen in its wider scope;
And out of His mercy we be hailed
With large allowance where we failed.

"As the day dies out with a golden gleam,
And the red west glows with its parting beam,
So would I, friends, when it comes my lot,
Wish to depart thus calmly, and not
As the old year passes, sad and slow,
Wrapped in the shroud of the winter's snow,
But the rather in twilight, fair and clear,
Where the quivering discs of the stars appear."

Arkansas does not have a committee which reviews the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions.

British Columbia.

Most Worshipful William K. Houston, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful R. E. Brett, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful W. A. DeWolf-Smith, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Cranbrook, June 17, 1909.

The opening pages of this volume consist of three very fine engraved portraits, one being that of Thomas Trounce, Grand Master in 1885; another that of William Dalby, Grand Master in 1886, and the last that of Francis Bowser, Grand Master in 1907.

The portrait of the Grand Master shows him to be arrayed in all of the finery that is usual in the Canadian Grand Lodges, a full description of which will be found in our report on the Grand Lodge of Canada. These are all fine looking men, but we are particularly impressed by the obvious culture and nobility of character which displays itself in the features of Grand Master Bowser.

This session of the Grand Lodge was attended by nine Past Grand Masters and two Past Grand Wardens.

The annual address of Grand Master Bowser is a concise, systematic report of the work of an intensely active official year.

He reports having made thirty official visits, and gives in detail the history of each one of these.

It is quite evident that in the matter of visitation our Canada Grand Masters work hard at the task assigned them.

In the Canadian Grand Jurisdictions the Deputy Grand Master is very much more than a figure-head. He takes active part in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, visiting lodges and accompanying the Grand Master on his rounds, and at the end of the year makes an annual report, or address, giving an account of his stewardship in much the same style and manner as that followed by the Grand Master, and his address is referred to the Committee on the Address of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, but denied that same recognition to the Grand Logia Cosmos.

The annual oration was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Brother H. G. F. Clinton. The text of his address was "Charity never faileth," and his utterances show that he has the true conception of Masonic charity.

In support of this statement we quote the following from his address:

"It must be our constant aim to make the troubles and the needs of others our very own, to give the affection of the heart to those to whom we minister the gifts of this life's goods. There is many a time when a person thinks to get the credit for an act of charity that is no act of charity at all, but the selfish saving of ourselves trouble

at the cost of a dollar. True charity does not so much consist in giving money or assistance to him that seeketh it, as the giving of ourselves and our true sympathy. To enter into the feelings of another, to try and make his sufferings our own, to enter into the difficulties of his life and to try and make them part of our own difficulties, to endeavor to get inside the man (so to speak) and help him from within, this is of the nature of true charity.

"It is the hand of fellowship that strengthens; it is the word of cheer that brightens the dull life; it is the assurance of brotherly love that lightens many a burden to the weary one. In the giving of charity empty your pockets if you will, but above all, pour out from your hearts that which is far more precious than the silver that perisheth, the gift of true love, the blessing of charity. Thus you may empty your pockets, but you will fill your heart and fill his heart, too; and knit in closer bonds the fellowship that should be between man and man, and especially between Brother Masons."

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of William A. DeWolf-Smith.

He has been hard at work, reviewing eighty volumes of Proceedings, the only English-speaking Grand Lodge missing being Oklahoma.

Brother Smith has turned out 181 pages of most readable matter, granting to Iowa five closely printed pages.

Speaking of the matter of disputes between Grand Jurisdictions and of expenses in charity cases, he says:

"We believe it to be the duty of every Mason to relieve such cases of distress as come to his notice (within well-recognized limits), and if a lodge undertakes the duty, it, as well as the individual brother, should perform it without asking for reimbursement."

We would suggest in this connection that in our opinion the local lodge has no right to go beyond its means and expend in the care of a foreign brother the funds which it may need to take care of its own members, and that in all cases the local lodge ought to telegraph the foreign brother's lodge, reporting his condition and asking for authority to incur obligations on the part of the brother's lodge for his care and relief. This practice will tend to avoid all unpleasant disputes between lodges and Grand Lodges arising out of the matter of dispensing charity to a foreign Mason.

Concerning Brother Clark's Report on Foreign Correspondence Brother Smith has to say: "It is a well written and highly interesting review of the transactions of fifty-three Grand Lodges, in which British Columbia for 1906 finds a place."

Brother Smith quotes quite extensively from Brother Clark's splendid report.

Commenting upon Brother Clark's position on the "justifiable manslaughter and unwritten law case" in Tennessee, Brother Smith says:

"Now we are of the opinion that the ruling of the Grand Master of Tennessee was a most excellent one. We have always held that

in dealing with Masonic offenses Masonry is a law unto itself and should not be bound down to 'legal procedure.' The object of a Masonic trial is to elicit the truth, while in a legal trial it is a struggle between the crown to convict and the defense to secure the acquittal of the prisoner by whatever means. As to the power of a Masonic lodge to secure evidence, we do not agree with our learned Brother. Certainly a lodge cannot compel the attendance of profanes, but, on the other hand, because of technicalities, evidence is often excluded from legal trials which would be admissible in trials before a lodge, and which might alter the verdict completely. Again, if a brother charged with any of the heinous offenses mentioned by Brother Clark should be acquitted by a court, would a lodge be compelled to accept the verdict arrived at perhaps because of some technicality?"

It is evident that Brother Smith has precious little use for what he calls "legal procedure." We are satisfied from experience that this "legal procedure" is the best means for doing justice between man and man that humanity has been able up to this time to devise for that purpose. If Brother Smith has something to suggest which will take the place of this legal procedure as a perfect piece of machinery for the administration of justice he would certainly confer a lasting benefit on the human race by favoring us with his ideas.

Brother Smith also states that "because of technicalities evidence is often excluded from legal trials which would be admissible in trials before a lodge."

Did it ever occur to him that this evidence would not be excluded in the legal trials unless there were some very good reasons, based upon the highest good to humanity, for its exclusion?

The trouble with these fellows who like to "jump upon the law" is that they fail to realize that the so-called "technicalities" are simply safe and sound rules of conduct and procedure which experience of humanity has convinced the people are for the truest and highest welfare of the human race. Each and every one of them is based upon the facts of cold, hard experience, and not upon any thoughtless theorizing.

Every time a layman finds that a court refuses to decide a case according to his prejudice, or preconceived notions about that case, he turns in and roasts the court for resorting to what he terms a "technicality."

Of course, the layman is always satisfied that he is right, and that like the kings of old he cannot be wrong.

It does not occur to him that the court that carefully investigates a case in a cold, passionless, and impartial manner, with the sole purpose of getting at the real facts, is far more certain to reach a right conclusion than the mob which is moved by its passion alone to clamor for a conviction. This cry of "technicality" is often the first step in that disrespect of the courts which inevitably leads to anarchy. Courts are after all nothing but the instrumentalities which the people have themselves created for the purpose of carefully investigating each case and deciding it in a calm and passionless way.

If cases are to be decided by the mob, or if the decisions of the courts are to be carelessly criticized and disrespected, and if the mob will continue to respect and regard the rulings of a court only so long as those rulings fit its notions of what is right, then we might as well do away with the courts and let the mob have full sway.

There are a lot of fellows in this world who think that just because a court convicts a man that he is necessarily guilty. Every well read lawyer, on the contrary, knows that in spite of all the safeguards with which the criminal procedure of our country has been surrounded that the innocent are sometimes convicted.

If we are to live together in society, side by side, in a peaceable and orderly manner, our conduct must be controlled by clear-cut rules and regulations that will stay fixed long enough to justify the man who wants to be guided by them in order to do right in following and relying upon them.

The judge that decides your way is a wise and just judge, a Daniel come to the judgment, but let him overrule your objection or decide against you, then he is a biased and prejudiced mortal who is trying to topple the world over with a technicality.

But to return to the case in question. In that case the brother was convicted in the legal courts, but the Grand Master ruled that the local lodge did not have to follow the verdict of the legal courts, but could do as they pleased with the brother in spite of the fact that he had been convicted by a jury after resorting to every so-called technicality in his favor. Brother Clark contended that this ruling was wrong, and we are heart and soul with Brother Clark in this matter. We feel that no Masonic lodge has any right to subject itself to the criticism that it carries upon its membership roll as a Mason in good standing one who is confined in prison as a convicted felon.

California.

Most Worshipful Oscar Lawler, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John Whicher, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Edward H. Hart, Committee on Correspondence.

This is one of the best arranged and best printed volumes of Grand Lodge Proceedings which it has ever been our pleasure to review. The frontispiece consists of a photogravure of Grand Master George M. Perine, whose wide-awake and jolly good natured features adorn the page.

In his annual address the Grand Master speaks of the growth of the order in the following fine words:

“In holding the honored office of Grand Master, I have been impressed with the Masonic growth. Its obligations have been every-

where exacted, and obedience to the moral law has been rigidly enforced. Much as we have accomplished, much yet is to be done. Let all our aims be our God, our country, and truth. God's love is compatible with universal wisdom; our country's right is more beautiful than affection, and truth will brighten the sunshine. There is joy to all men living a Masonic life. The world is upheld by the veracity of good men; they make the earth wholesome. Right ethics are central, and go from the soul outward. Life's victory is to gain control of the selfish nature, that it may be subordinate to a sense of duty, to cultivate and develop the moral faculties so that they may assert their superiority and thereby establish in the individual true manhood, morality being an emanation from God."

The following decision will be of interest to Masons everywhere as setting forth a correct rule for the administration of Masonic charity:

"I received a communication asking if the daughter of a deceased Mason who, at the time of his death, was a member in good standing and who was living with her husband, a 'profane,' and a minor son, the husband by reason of sickness or physical disability being unable to support her, was entitled to relief from the funds of the lodge. I held that the daughter of a Master Mason does not forfeit her rights to be treated as such merely because she has married a man who is not a Mason, and I know of no reason why the rule should be different where the daughter of a Master Mason continues to live with her husband (a non-Mason). She is still the daughter of a Master Mason and is none the less worthy of fraternal consideration because she does not leave her husband. Under such circumstances the lodge of which her father was a member may very properly grant her the necessary assistance to such an extent as may be reasonably sufficient to cover her individual needs. The relief extended, however, should be limited to such an amount as is necessary for the wife alone. The question of the amount required for this purpose must necessarily be left entirely to the discretion of the lodge and its officers."

We believe that this decision will meet with universal approval.

Another interesting decision rendered by him during the year is as follows:

"What is the exact method of procedure for 'healing' in the jurisdiction of California?

"I replied to this query that a regular Masonic lodge does not and cannot recognize an irregular or clandestine lodge of Masons. The only way to proceed is to take a petition for degrees, have it referred to the proper committee, and if reported on favorably, a ballot should be taken, and if elected the three degrees of Masonry should be conferred."

We are ready to give this decision our unqualified approval.

The Grand Master closes his fine address with the following beautiful sentiments:

"Our Masonic dream should be, stone by stone to rear a sacred fane, a temple, neither pagoda, mosque, nor church; but loftier, simpler, always open-doored to every breath from heaven; and truth and peace and love, and where justice will come and dwell therein.

"It takes a man of worthiness to understand the subtle, undefinable influence and the sympathy engendered by the possession of a

common secret, held sacred and inviolate. It prompts to deeds of truest chivalry and of generous self-sacrifice. This compelling power of Masonry takes root in the heart and comes forth into blossom bearing sweet odors of charity; peace and happiness descend upon him who practices love and justice."

We have been considerably interested in reading the reports of the magnificent work done by the boards of relief of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Philippines, Sacramento, and Stockton.

I believe that California has the only true system of administering Masonic charity. The work is done quietly, helpfully, and without in any way humiliating the recipient. The Masons of California not only give to their needy and suffering the material assistance they so much require, but by means of these boards of relief they come into active, close, sympathetic touch with the brethren who are in want and who suffer, and by their cheerful, helpful sympathy accomplish fully as much, if not more, than by their financial contribution alone.

During the year these boards of relief buried, or helped to defray the funeral expenses of seventy-nine deceased brethren, and in many other ways proved themselves to be of help and comfort in time of sickness, sorrow, and trouble.

From the items of expenditures reported by the various boards we can get some idea of the nature of the work done when we read such phrases as "medical prescriptions, physicians, flowers for funeral, printing funeral notices, purchase of box to contain urn with the ashes of Brother Blank, relief extended for meals and funeral expenses, part payment of funeral expenses of Brother Blank, etc." But the finest thing of all is the Masonic Employment Bureau, of which the Los Angeles Board of Relief writes: "The Masonic Employment Bureau continues to do good work, finding positions, either great or small, for worthy brothers, approximately at the rate of one each day. We believe a bureau of like character should be established in all cities of suitable size."

The noblest of all charity is that which helps a brother to help himself, and this is just what an employment bureau does. The right kind of charity not only feeds and clothes and shelters the body, but it encourages, cheers, and inspires the heart as well. It enables a brother to retain his personal pride and self-respect, the while it lends him the helping hand.

We congratulate the brethren of California upon their splendid system of Masonic charities.

It seems that the Masonic lodges of the Philippine Islands have been under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California for some time past. But that Masonry has now grown to such an extent in the Islands that a special committee to whom had been referred the matter of the status of Masonry in the Philippines, reported to the Grand Lodge recommending that the several lodges now working under charters from the Grand Lodge of California take immediate steps to organize a Grand Lodge of Masons for the territory of the Philippine Islands.

We feel that this is certainly a step in the right direction, and believe that the organization of such a Grand Lodge will give the brethren of the Philippine Islands a new inspiration to do great and good Masonic work for the sake of the glory and honor of their own home Grand Lodge.

Any one interested in the history of Masonry in the Philippine Islands and the matter of the regularity of the Spanish and American lodges organized there, will do well to read the report of this committee as contained on pages 94 to 104 in these Proceedings. This report sets out a most careful and exhaustive history of the entire controversy, and is of great interest to those who take any interest in world-wide Masonry.

A resolution heretofore adopted by the Grand Lodge limiting the Committee on Correspondence to fifty pages was rescinded. We are glad to note that the representative of our round table from the great state of California is not to be hampered by any such mean and narrow resolution. It was evidently the work of some upstart who wanted to "save taxes;" the sort of a fellow who cuts off his feet to save shoe leather. If the Grand Lodge of Iowa tried to tie our hands by any such resolution we would resign our job at once.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee memorializes the Grand Lodge of California, stating that it had heard "with regret and astonishment that some Grand Lodges of the United States not only do not forbid, but on the contrary expressly authorize, the use of printed rituals, purporting to describe the secret work of the Symbolic Degrees, and even print and furnish copies thereof to their subordinates, whereby the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry may be unlawfully divulged." And they appeal to their brethren of California in the following forcible language:

"And we earnestly and fraternally call upon all our brother Masons of the Ancient York Rite, now happily the American Rite of Symbolic Masonry, wherever they may reside, to abide with us in our unalterable purpose and resolve to preserve the landmarks and keep sacred and inviolate the secrets of our beloved fraternity. Hitherto we have all been of one mind in this course, and all has gone well with us. The restless spirit of change, and modern habits of impatience are bringing disorder and confusion into our counsels, and unless resisted and routed will, by innovation, bring discord to our own ranks and destruction to our peace and harmony. Let us all stand together in the ancient ways."

We are happy to report that the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that it was in entire accord with the belief of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as expressed in such memorial, and recommended such approval by the Grand Lodge of California, which recommendation was concurred in and report adopted.

The memorial above mentioned contains a list of the fundamental tenets of Freemasonry received, maintained, and cherished by all free and accepted Masons always and everywhere with reference to the matter of the secret work of the order.

We are in hearty accord with this declaration of principles, and are glad to repeat and copy the same here:

"1. Freemasonry has as essentials certain secrets of ritual which it forever conceals and never reveals to any person in the world except its own members.

"2. These ancient mysteries are communicated only by the instructive tongue to the attentive ear and are safely lodged in the faithful breast; and any other mode of communication in Ancient Craft Masonry is most positively forbidden in solemn form and manner.

"3. So likewise is forbidden the writing, printing, or marking in any manner of these secrets or any sign or letter thereof whereby the same becomes legible or intelligible to any person, lest these secrets might become known to the profane.

"4. No individual Mason is exempt from the obligation of profound secrecy, and no human power can authorize him to write, print, or mark Masonic secrets in any manner whatsoever.

"5 These secrets are ancient landmarks of Freemasonry and no body of men, inside or outside of lodge or Grand Lodge, has power to make innovations in Ancient Craft Masonry."

During the year charters were granted to eleven new lodges.

We are glad to note that the Grand Lodge of California has become a subscriber to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. We have been a subscriber to this institution for a number of years and can testify as to its positive value.

We know of one case where a Masonic fraud and imposter was detected in our own city of Davenport by means of information sent out by this association, was indicted by the grand jury, plead guilty to the indictment, and was confined in our state penitentiary for a year.

Our Masonic Relief Board furnishes no relief to traveling Masons until they sign a written application to the same representing themselves to be members in good standing and soliciting such relief by virtue thereof.

In this way we have positive evidence with which to convict a fraud or an imposter who takes the bait. Unless the application is signed the relief is withheld.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the work of Brother Alonzo J. Munro, who has turned out 115 pages of well written and most interesting matter.

Iowa for some unknown reason escaped being reviewed.

In his review of the Proceedings he quotes a poem written by Grand Lecturer Allen McDowell, of Missouri, who for twenty-five years held that important office in his state, but who died during the year 1906. We gladly repeat it here:

"HIGH TWELVE.

"A brave man struggling for the right,
Who death defies;
A good man overpowered by might,
And low he lies.
He dare not, can not, will not give
Truth's cause away.
Yea, he would rather cease to live
Than trust betray.
High Twelve.

“Low Twelve.
 In darkness, in the dead of night
 They make his grave,
 And might has triumphed over right,
 With none to save.
 The life which was the soul of duty,
 Gone with a breath,
 And he who was the type of beauty,
 Pulses in death.
 Low Twelve.

“High Twelve.
 Lo, Judah's lion stoops to save,
 His strong right hand
 Is reaching downward to the grave,
 The dead shall stand.
 A grip, a word, he springs upright,
 The shadows fly.
 He basks in heaven's eternal light,
 No more to die.
 High Twelve.”

We can sympathize with him heartily when in conclusion he writes:

“It is a good rule when called upon ‘to perform in public’ to respond without undue urging and without excuse or apology. Making excuses or apologies is but another way of saying, ‘I could do better.’ The want of preparation or neglect to take sufficient time to prepare are generally one's own fault. Then, also, such excuses are a sort of assumption of modesty. And Longfellow said of humility, ‘that if it but look upon itself 'tis gone.’ The best plan is to do your part simply, the best you can under the circumstances and leave it that way. The reviewer who writes these lines departs from the above rule far enough to say that he did not realize the extent of his task in reviewing two years of Proceedings, and postponed its beginning until all the Proceedings were received. He then found that the time in which to get the report together would not allow the desired deliberation. George Elliott said, ‘Through the pass of By-and By, you go to the valley of Never.’”

Speaking of the service performed by the report of the Committee on Correspondence in the several Grand Lodges, he aptly characterizes the nature and value of this work in the following well chosen words:

“No one can read the Proceedings of the doings of Masonic brethren in all parts of the world without being both exalted and humbled; exalted in feeling and in his respect for common human nature by the evidence of noble aspiration and high achievement by Masons in different lands, and humbled by the thought of his own failure to live up to Masonic ideals. For as Hamlet says, ‘Use every man after his deserts and which of us would 'scape whipping.’ These reports are one of the links in the chain of Masonic influence by which men living in widely separated countries, and having different national prejudices are bound in unity and concord by the golden bands of brotherhood. Contemplating this grand fraternity, having for its object the elevation of man, we cannot but exclaim: ‘Hail! Masonry, Hail! Offspring of the Divine in man! Evangel of peace and enemy of war! Proceed on down the ages. The noblest men of earth will acclaim your glorious worth and pay homage at your shrine. Hail, and again, Hail!’”

Canada.

Most Worshipful Augustus T. Freed, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Henry Robertson, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, London, Ontario, July 21, 1909.

We are informed by the opening pages of these Proceedings that the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, was opened in ample form at the city of Niagara Falls on the 15th day of July, 1908, with "the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Augustus T. Freed, on the Throne." Our brethren will note the word "throne," and if they could look upon the photogravure of the Grand Master which adorns the first page of these Proceedings they would find that he was arrayed in royal raiment. Imagine a handsome looking man in full evening dress with a broad, gold-linked collar attached to each shoulder with a great bow of silk ribbon, and having appended to it where it loops across his breast a golden Grand Master's jewel, the sleeves of his coat ending in great leathern cuffs embroidered with the Past Master's jewel, and adorned with gilt borders; and in addition to all this, clothed with a gorgeous apron having embroidered in gold upon its center a blazing sun, and adorned with a deep border in gold and surmounted by a heavy gold fringe, forming altogether a most glittering spectacle.

We are glad to be able to say, however, that the face which looms above all of this pyrotechnical millinery is a fine and noble one, in no way spoiled by the splendor of its owner's raiment. Nor does it show a single trace of any pompous conceit inspired by all of this glittering array. It is a keen, strong, intellectual countenance, from which the light of a love for his fellowmen shines forth as from a steady flame. Some people are too genuinely good to be spoiled by any amount of glittering garments, and this man Freed is clearly one of these.

In his annual address he describes the prosperity of his Grand Jurisdiction in the following terms:

"The year which has elapsed since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge has been one of continued prosperity. There has been a gratifying increase in our membership; and the income of Grand Lodge has been greater than in any former year. But, above all, we have reason to be grateful for the peace that has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction and the harmony that has reigned in our Councils.

"On the 31st of May, 1907, there were on our rolls 39,795 Masons in good standing. During the twelve months about 2,700 were initiated and 600 affiliated—a gross gain of 3,300. Losses by death were about 200, by suspension 215, and by resignation 258, or 673 in all. So that our total membership at the end of our year was about 42,422. These figures are not final, as some of the returns have not yet reached the Grand Secretary."

Speaking of the subject of balloting for candidates he says:

"Several cases have been reported to me of irregularities in balloting for candidates. It appears that in some lodges, while sufficient white balls are provided for all members present, there are but two or three black balls. This makes it easy for an interested and unscrupulous Deacon to abstract one or more of the black balls and thus insure a favorable result. It may also destroy the secrecy of the ballot. I have ruled that there should be at least as many white balls and as many black balls in the box as there are members present. I am of opinion that this should be made a constitutional provision. It is to be desired that brethren exercise more frequently their privilege of examining the ballot after it has been placed upon the altar. If that were done fewer mistakes would be made in declaring the result of the ballot."

This matter of a sufficiency of black balls in the ballot box is one that has impressed itself upon our own mind. We know of one case where a Secretary, knowing that a candidate would probably be black-balled, surreptitiously removed all of the black balls from the ballot box and the election went through without objection. We believe that lodges cannot be too careful, both in the matter of having a properly constructed ballot box, guaranteeing absolute secrecy of the ballot, and at the same time furnishing plenty of balls of both kinds.

It is not the lodge, but the candidate who needs to fear the black ball, and it is sometimes the white ball which, when cast carelessly and without due consideration, does the most injury to the lodge by admitting unworthy candidates.

The Grand Master rendered a decision on the matter of physical disability, and in a few words stated what appeared to him to be the correct rule. He said "if a candidate can comply literally with all of the ceremonies of the work of the Grand Lodge, a minor physical defect does not cause his rejection."

We would be satisfied with this statement of the rule if the word "substantially" was substituted in place of the word "literally."

The Grand Master complains because a business association in his Grand Jurisdiction makes use of the word "Masonic" in its title and advertising matter for the purpose of procuring trade. This concern calls itself "The Masonic Protective Association," and the Grand Master condemns this abuse of the word "Masonic" and cautions the craft against the imposition, after all of which we are ready to agree with and cry a hearty amen.

Concerning the chain letter nuisance he states:

"No less than three copies of 'chain letters' have been forwarded to me within the past few months. These have asked the brethren to whom they were sent to forward a small sum of money to a given address in the United States, for a purpose apparently worthy, and to mail a copy of the letter to some other Mason in this jurisdiction. This practice should not be encouraged. Our brethren in the United States are abundantly able and more than willing to provide means for any worthy charity or any patriotic object, and those

who send these chain letters to us rest under the suspicion of fraud. In one case the name of a Past Grand Master was used; and it was unfortunate for the sender of the letter that he was unaware that the Most Worshipful brother had been dead for more than a year, and also that he was unable to spell his name correctly. Our brethren would do well to throw all chain letters into the fire."

It is needless to say that this decision has our hearty approval.

The Grand Lodge of Canada is in fine condition financially, having the sum \$110,000 safely invested in good securities, with its annual receipts regularly exceeding its annual disbursements.

Nevertheless, it found opportunity during the past year of spending over \$28,000 for charitable purposes, nearly all of which was disbursed to needy brethren, their mothers, wives, orphans, and sisters.

A detailed statement of these disbursements covers seven closely printed pages of these Proceedings, showing the money to have been disbursed in sums ranging all the way from \$10 to \$300 in payments to different individuals. The Grand Lodge most considerately refrains from giving the names of the recipients of these benevolences, thus showing a tender regard for the feelings of the distressed ones who have been so generously helped. In this list the parties receiving help are designated by their initials alone, their real names being known only to the members of the Committee on Benevolences and the proper Grand Officers.

We cannot sufficiently express our admiration for the admirable system of benevolence which is conducted and operated by our brethren of Canada. This system not only gives speedy and positive relief where it is needed, but at the same time does it so delicately and tenderly as not to injure the proper pride of the sufferer to whom it is given. There is no question whatever but what this is the ideal system of administering Masonic charity, and we are proud of the generous contributions which our Canada brethren have made to this great cause, and prouder still of the way and manner in which they have distributed their gifts to distressed and worthy widows and orphans. We have had a little practical experience with this system of administering help in our own Grand Lodge, and our experience satisfies us that it is the best plan that has been tried up to this time.

The matter of issuing dispensations seems to be an enormous proposition with this Grand Lodge. Over eleven closely printed pages are devoted to giving a list of the dispensations issued during the last year. And when we find that twenty-five are reported on a single page, some idea can be formed as to the number issued. They were issued for all sorts of purposes, from holding a picnic to attending divine service.

By far the greater proportion were issued for the purpose of permitting a lodge to attend divine service, which we presume means allowing them to attend as a lodge in a body, and perhaps wearing the insignia and full regalia of the order.

Personally, we are decidedly opposed to the granting of a dispensation permitting a lodge to attend as a Masonic body the services of any particular denominational church. To us this smacks entirely too much of making a public parade of something which should be a secret and sacred religious service. We cannot conceive what possible good can come of such a public exhibition.

We do not believe that a Masonic lodge has any right to require a brother to attend the church of a denomination in whose creed he has no belief.

We cannot see how the persistence in a practice of this kind can fail to disrupt the order, and contract the "common platform" upon which the Jew, the Christian, the Pharisee, and the Mohammedan have heretofore met in fraternal communion to the narrow confines of a creed.

It strikes us as so very queer to find Masons strenuously contending that Masonry is not a religious order, and at the same time finding them making such desperate efforts to get their lodges to turn out to church in a body.

If the Masonic order is to accomplish anything toward bringing about a realization of its ideal of the brotherhood of man, it must be very careful in no way to emphasize the creedal and denominational differences that in the past have served only to divide and separate good men and true, and keep brothers apart.

On the contrary, it should strive to forget these differences that lead inevitably to dissension and disaster, and concentrate its attention solely upon the great, essential, simple articles of faith that the Masonic order has promulgated from time immemorial—faith in God, the hope of immortality, and the love of all mankind—a belief in these will be conceded by every one and is quite enough. It is when we begin to drift away from these that we are wandering beyond the circumference of the circle of Masonic harmony, and chasing strange Gods who will inevitably involve us in religious riots and sectarian scrimmages.

It seems to us that the only purpose the brethren can have in mind in turning out to a church service in a body is to try to make an impression on the profane, to show them that we are not scoffers, atheists, and outcasts, but really so good and pious that we want to go to church in a body. Some of us seem to think that going to church in itself constitutes religion. The order has no need to resort to this practice in order to defend its reputation in the minds of the profane, no more need to do this now than it has had in the past. It is not called upon to defend itself in this way, or make any public protestation of its religious faith. We had far better obey the injunction of the Master and retire into our closet to pray, rather than, like the Pharisee of old, perform our devotions to be seen of men.

Our religious faith is too sacred a matter to be made the subject of a public exhibition.

The religion of Masonry is not so poor a proposition that we need go elsewhere for the soul's "daily bread." If its light has illumined our inward souls we have no need to bolster up our faith in it by seeking public approval.

Whatever our private individual beliefs may be, we Masons, *as a body*, admit and acknowledge allegiance to no church or religious sect. Nor will we concede that any church has a religion so superior to ours that we are not quite good, quite righteous, or quite sure of reward hereafter, unless we attend its services. When all is said and done, it is by our lives and not by our public professions that we shall be judged.

Brother D. F. Macwatt, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, and indulged in a bit of international sentiment which we take pleasure in reproducing here:

"In those early days the eyes of the nations on either side of this beautiful river were turned towards each other in hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness. Now, praise be to God, our eyes are turned towards each other in respect, admiration, and love. The rulers of these two peoples are Masons true, and we are proud to believe that their Masonic training has helped to prepare them for the blessed work they are doing. The President of the United States is a strenuous, fearless patriot, endeavoring to increase the comfort, prosperity, and reputation of his people, and aiming to promote peace and good will among the nations on the American continent. The other ruler, as we believe the greatest ruler, our beloved King, the most democratic of all sovereigns, the beau ideal Mason, the Christian gentleman, is engaged in the same blessed work of promoting peace and harmony in that armed camp composed of the nations of Europe. These two Anglo-Saxon rulers and their people are the very salt of liberty on the earth. Let us in our humble sphere, and at however great a distance, follow the example of these great men by promoting good understanding and loving kindness whenever opportunity offers."

Brother Henry Robertson is the author of the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, and turns out a fine piece of work, covering 116 pages.

He quotes liberally from the report of the Grand Secretary and from Brother Clark's Report on Fraternal Correspondence, saying of the latter: "For a first attempt it is indeed very creditable, but Brother Clark has all the ear-marks of an old hand with a pen. His review of our Proceedings of 1906 is kindly and fraternal."

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Canada does not follow the practice of installing its elected Grand Officers. At least we are unable to find the record of any such installation in these Proceedings.

Colorado.

Most Worshipful John B. Haffy, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Lawrence N. Greenleaf, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Denver, September 21, 1909.

A fine portrait of Grand Master John Bernard Haffy adorns one of the opening pages of these Proceedings. The biographical sketch which accompanies this portrait says that the Grand Master is "of Irish ancestry." This probably accounts for his genial, beaming countenance, and he no doubt has worked his way to popularity among his brethren by the natural endowment of his Irish wit and humor. This must be the case, or we are no reader of faces.

After the reading and adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials, the roll of Grand Representatives was called, and they were invited to the East where they were received and welcomed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master with a hearty greeting.

Brother Robert M. Simons responded in behalf of the Grand Representatives, saying in part as follows:

"The sound doctrines and principles of our order point out our paths through life, and direct us to walk and act uprightly before God and man. As Masons we stand alone, high above the other fraternal organizations of the globe; supremely confident of the righteousness of our teachings and motives, we go before the world qualified to set an example for all others to follow. Then let us so govern ourselves that we may be as living stones in 'that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens'—leaving to those who shall come after us a memory so pure and good as never to be forgotten. The noble achievements of our craft throughout the world are emblazoned high in letters of fire upon the escutcheon of time, never to be obliterated by the hand of man."

In his annual address the Grand Master, Joseph A. Davis, states:

"It is a great pleasure to be able to report to you that the numerical growth of our beloved institution has been steady, and kept pace with former years. When we consider that the past year has been one of so-called financial depression, I feel that we have every reason for congratulation and encouragement. With few exceptions, peace has been our portion. Where misunderstandings have arisen, I am now confident that peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail. This annual Grand Communication should not only be a season of profit, but a season of pleasure. Let us again renew the bonds of friendship and brotherly love, and enjoy every moment of this session."

During the year he has rendered seven decisions, of which the following will be of interest to the craft:

"1. A young man having completed the term of his enlistment in the U. S. Naval service, returning to the home of his parents, may claim their home as his fixed abode, and may at once petition for the degrees of Masonry."

This Grand Master is evidently a man of intense social instincts, for he reports that during his year of office he has made forty official visitations to various lodges within his jurisdiction. In connection with these he says: "A spirit of good fellowship prevails, making it easily possible for slight personal differences to be overcome, never to be renewed." And we have no doubt that this result is due to the splendid work done by him in making his official visits.

Seven new lodges were constituted and four corner-stones laid during the year. One church, one hall, one public library, and one Masonic temple.

The following action on the part of the Grand Master will no doubt meet with unanimous approval by all members of the craft wheresoever dispersed:

"For reasons set forth in the following under date of July 8, 1908, I issued a letter to the Master of Alamosa Lodge, No. 44, as follows:

"Mr. Roy Campbell, Worshipful Master Alamosa Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., Alamosa, Colo.:

"**WORSHIPFUL SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:**—In passing through your streets on the evening of January 23d, I was surprised to find that the saloons were decorated in honor of the celebration of St. John's Day, and so expressed myself, and was more greatly surprised and pained to be told that one of the principal saloonkeepers was a Mason and a member of No. 44. This is a most flagrant violation of the last paragraph of Section 4, Article 19, Grand Lodge By-laws, and one that cannot be allowed to continue. You will therefore order the Junior Warden to prepare and file charges against William G. Eeles for unmasonic conduct in violation of the above named section and article. It is my desire that this matter be taken up at once and pressed to a conclusion. There should be but one verdict in the case. You will understand what that should be without any reference on my part. If, however, the verdict should not be in accord with the charges, you will prepare an appeal to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

"Regretting the necessity for this action on my part, but feeling sure that I would be remiss in my duty if I failed to do so, I am,

"Fraternally,

"**JOSEPH A. DAVIS, Grand Master.**"

We are glad to notice that the Grand Master makes the recommendation that hereafter there be omitted from the printed Proceedings of his Grand Jurisdiction the complete membership lists of the subordinate lodges with which it has been the custom of that Grand lodge to encumber its Proceedings, but we regret to notice that the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which this recommendation was referred, turned it down, stating: "We find that the procedure recommended has been tried and caused general complaint."

It is a great pity that this custom of putting all of this useless lumber into the Grand Lodge Proceedings ever got started, for once it is begun it seems the brethren become so enamored of seeing their names in print that it is hard to do away with it. We cannot possibly conceive what useful purpose can be served by the publication of these membership rosters.

From the report of Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf, as Committee on Necrology, we copy the following beautiful poems with which he adorns his memorial, believing that they are worthy of circulation throughout the state:

"From these closed eyes, and these white lips
Where loving smiles no longer play,
What to the ear that silence hears,
Does death to us, the living say?

"Sweet friends, the words of love you wish
You'd said to me while I could hear;
Take heed, in days to come, you speak
To living ones who still are near.

"No more for me can you do aught,
Save make the flowers bloom where I sleep;
But hearts of living ones still ache.
And eyes of living ones still weep.

"Pour out on them the love and care
You wish you could on me bestow;
Then, when some other falls asleep,
O'er vain regrets no tears shall flow.

"Death, then, would teach us how to live—
How we shall die need give no care—
Live as we'll wish we had; and then
Death's face becomes divinely fair."

"A pilgrim once, so runs an ancient tale,
Old, worn, and spent, crept down a shadowed vale.
On either hand rose mountains bleak and high;
Chill was the heavy air, and dark the sky;
The path was rugged and his feet were bare;
His faded cheek was seamed with pain and care;
His heavy eyes upon the ground were cast,
And every step seemed feebler than the last.
The valley ended where a naked rock
Rose sheer from earth to heaven, as if to mock
The pilgrim who had crept that toilsome way.
But while his dimmed and weary eyes assay
To find an outlet in the mountain side,
A ponderous, sculptured, brazen door he spied.
And tottering towards it, with fast-failing breath,
Above the portal read: 'THE GATE OF DEATH.'

"He could not stay his feet that led thereto.
It yielded to his touch; and passing through,
He came into a world all bright and fair;
Blue were the skies, and balmy was the air.
And lo! the blood of youth flowed through his veins,
And he was clad in robes that had no stains
Of his long pilgrimage. Amazed, he turned,
And lo! a golden door behind him burned
In that fair sunlight, and his wandering eyes,
Now lustrous and clear as those blue skies,
Freed from the mists of age and care and strife,
Over the portal read: 'THE GATE OF LIFE.'"

The annual oration, which was delivered by Brother Melvin Edwards, is one of the very best that it has ever been our pleasure to read. We notice that one of the members of our round table has appreciated it so thoroughly that he publishes it entire in his report. We regret that space will not permit of our following this example and must content ourselves with quoting the following fine passages:

"Goethe, the great German poet, lay upon his dying bed. The heart and brain of the old bard, which had so often combined their separate powers to kindle the poetic fire and cause to burst forth in flame the smouldering embers of an immortal genius, were vainly

struggling to break the chains of their environment and give forth the last thoughts of the dying muse, when suddenly he raised himself from his pillow and with an intense expression of surprise depicted on his face he stretched out his arms and cried, 'Light, more Light.' As though a great light broke upon his fading vision, in answer to that death cry, the face instantly became illuminated with an expression of peace and satisfaction as the spirit took its flight.

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"No great movement to uplift the race has ever failed with love as its incentive. No nation is great and strong and endurable without a love of its citizens that will give their life for its honor. There has never been a great man without he has loved much. Read the history of a Lincoln, then look on his face and see the shadow of a great love that found in youth a longing in his heart that finally ripened into traits of character that makes him the greatest type of American citizenship. The strong, masterful love of President McKinley always succeeded when arguments failed, and as depicted in the tender care of an invalid wife, blessed and strengthened every home in the land, and will be handed down by our order as an heritage from a brother Mason to our children and to our children's children forever.

"There is no religion but the religion of love; all sacred history proclaims it, and it is written that through the power of love to him that overcometh the forces of error, 'all things that are hidden shall be made plain.' "

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is a fine piece of work and the result of the toil and labor of Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf. He manages to cover 177 pages with some most interesting and valuable material. He devotes three pages to Iowa, complimenting Grand Master Hunter on his business-like annual address, and of the Trustees of our Grand Charity Fund he writes as follows:

"The report of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund shows that this charity is wisely administered. Regarding the work of relief, the chairman, in presenting the report, stated that in particular cases where relief was afforded, it was without publicity or the mentioning of names, and that those who had doubted the wisdom of the Iowa plan of distributing relief and inclined to institutional methods, could not but be convinced that the Iowa system was one of the wisest which could be adopted."

Connecticut.

Most Worshipful Weston G. Granniss, Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Frank W. Havens, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Frank W. Havens, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Hartford, January 19, 1910.

The frontispiece of this volume of Proceedings consists of a portrait of Grand Master Edward E. Fuller, and the good impression which his picture gives is born out as we read the history of his administration as set forth in the Proceedings.

A full staff of officers attended the opening of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in ample form, in the city of New Haven on January 20, 1909. The session was also attended by thirteen Past Grand Officers who were permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

In his annual address the Grand Master called upon his brethren, by a rising vote, to pay a tribute of respect to their departed brethren, speaking of them in the following poetical quotation: -

“The dead,
The only beautiful, who change no more,
The only blest, the dwellers on the shore
Of spring fulfilled.
The dead! Whom call we so?
They that breathe pure air, that feel, that know
Things wrapped from us.”

During the year the Grand Master was industriously engaged in paying a number of official visits to many of the lodges within his jurisdiction, and he seems to have been a most welcome guest, and if the brethren obtained as fine an impression of him as he did of them, we are sure that these occasions must have been most enjoyable affairs.

In closing his annual address the Grand Master appealed to his brethren in the following language, which is well worth repeating here:

“Let it be progress to which we aspire, and not a mere marking of time—a standing still, and as we look back into the gray and fading twilight of the past from whence we came, let use take courage at our progress, and turning our faces toward the future, and using the potency of our order, with its mighty enginery of power, for the uplifting of humanity, write, as the years fare on, the name of Freemasonry, larger, more glorious, and more resplendent in the annals and history of the world’s civilization.”

We take from the report of Deputy Grand Master Weston G. Grannis the following bit of poetry which he used in expressing a tribute which he desired to pay to the memory of Brother J. H. Barlow, for years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. It is well worth repeating:

“To him death is but the beginning of life,
Not the close but the dawn of the day;
The end of all sorrow, the end of all strife
With earth’s barriers broken away.

“And to him ’tis the rise, not the set of the sun,
The opening of life’s golden door,
Which shall bring joy and rapture to every one,
The unfolding of pinions to soar.”

On the forenoon of October 8, 1908, there occurred in Connecticut one of the most important events in the history of Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction—the laying of the last and final stone of the magnificent stone bridge spanning the Connecticut river at Hartford. This stone was put in place by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut with a very fine and imposing ceremony, which is fully described in these Proceedings. We only wish that space were accorded us to set forth in full the story of this great day as it is there told.

We must content ourselves, however, with quoting certain passages from the record, which will give our brethren some idea of what took place on this most important occasion, which we will now do:

"A badge was issued for the occasion, containing a photograph of the final stone on one side, and a likeness of the Grand Master on the other, one of which has been given or sent to every brother who participated in the parade, while for the officers of the Grand Lodge a special badge commemorative of the occasion was prepared, containing on one side a copy of the seal of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and on the other a likeness of the Grand Master.

"The escort consisted of a thousand Sir Knights led by Right Eminent Grand Commander George M. Long, and his associate Grand Officers, while of the one hundred and ten lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, about ninety participated as lodges, while representatives from every lodge in the jurisdiction, save two, Morning Star, No. 47, Seymour, and Hamilton, No. 54, Sharon, participated in the parade, marching with other lodges, their Commandery, or as Grand Lodge Officers.

"The number of Masons parading as brethren was a little more than five thousand, making with those parading as Sir Knights, a total of more than six thousand Masons taking part in the parade.

"A copper box, eighteen inches square and six inches deep, after having been sealed in the presence of the Grand Master, President Bulkeley, and other officers of the Grand Lodge, and members of the bridge commission, was deposited in the stone, containing documents of the commission, newspapers of the day, and a large number of Masonic records and mementoes, including the name of every member of the Masonic fraternity in this jurisdiction, and all covered, before sealing, with a silk American flag, with forty-six stars, placed there by President Bulkeley.

"The parade was more than two miles in length, and was the largest and most imposing Masonic procession ever seen in this jurisdiction, being exceeded by few, if any, Masonic lodge parades in the world's history.

"Many of the most distinguished citizens of Connecticut marched as brothers in the ranks or reviewed the procession from the reviewing stand, thus contributing to the great spirit of brotherhood everywhere manifest."

We have often heard of the laying of a corner-stone of a building devoted to charitable or public purposes, but this is the first time in our experience that we have read of the placing of a cap-stone by a Grand Lodge of Masons. We see no reason, however, why the order should not take part in a ceremony of this kind, and we are satisfied at least that as this ceremony was conducted by our brethren of Connecticut that it was a great and good thing for all concerned.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is the work, as we gather, partly of Past Grand Secretary Barlow, and more largely that of Past Grand Master Frank W. Havens, who succeeded Brother Barlow as Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

The report is a good one, covering 164 closely printed pages. Speaking of Iowa he pays a compliment to Grand Secretary Parvin in the following words:

"Under the skillful handling of Venerable Grand Secretary, N. R. Parvin, the Proceedings of this Grand Body appears the equal of the

best in contents, printing, and binding. Upon its front cover is a fine half-tone of the 'Iowa Masonic library building,' located at Cedar Rapids. This is accompanied by the announcement that 'it is the only Masonic library building in the world.' It is certainly a very neat and impressive structure, standing four square to the world as a monument to the intelligent and progressive spirit of the craft. The building has a very 'square' and substantial appearance and gives one an impression of good taste and utility. Certainly the craft of Iowa are to be congratulated upon the possession of such a building and its contents."

He compliments Grand Master Hunter by saying of his annual address "it is an interesting and thoughtful paper, giving an account of the doings of the Grand Master during the year closing."

He says that the Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Past Grand Master Fellows "is of more than usual interest."

And of the report of the Grand Secretary, that it "possesses the interest which his reports invariably do. Brother Parvin is a veteran, being second on the list of Grand Secretaries in office when he was appointed."

Delaware.

Most Worshipful Henry I. Beers, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Virginius V. Harrison, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Lewis H. Jackson, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Wilmington, October 6, 1909.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held at Wilmington, October 7, 1908, with Grand Master Thomas J. Day presiding.

There were thirteen Past Grand Masters, eleven Past Senior Grand Wardens, and eight Past Junior Grand Wardens, as well as five Past Grand Treasurers in attendance, from which it would appear that the "has-beens" are pretty loyal and faithful in the matter of turning out to Grand Lodge in that state, and I imagine that a more careful examination of the Proceedings than is permitted us would indicate that they are a most potent and influential force for good in the administration of its affairs.

In his annual address the Grand Master says:

"During the year our country has been in the grasp of a financial crisis. Men in all the walks of life have suffered. The bond of friendship between men has been weakened and life has assumed a more gloomy aspect; but throughout these difficulties the firm light of our craft has beamed with a constant brightness, urging the brethren to live true to its teachings, to endure the temporary inconveniences, and to trust that the future would be brighter in their daily affairs. The guiding rays have had their effect, Masons have been governed by them and as a result today we are assembled a strong body eager for the tasks which have been placed for our consideration."

During the year a new lodge hall was dedicated, and corner-stones were laid for a town hall and a church.

Under the head of "Decisions" the Grand Master reports the most remarkable fact that he has not been called upon to render a single decision. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge is one hundred and three years old, and must therefore have attained a considerable growth, this fact is most significant of the harmonious and business-like way in which the affairs of the order must have been conducted in that state. It speaks well not only for the Grand Lodge officers, but for the officers of the local lodges as well. We congratulate the local officers upon the fact that they have posted themselves so well upon the laws, rules, and regulations of the order, and have managed the affairs of their lodges with such skill and tact, that they have not had occasion to pester the Grand Master with silly requests for decisions on trifling matters. We can commend the example of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Delaware to Masons all over the world, wherever dispersed.

In view of the fact that every volume of Proceedings that it has been our pleasure to review up to date discloses the fact that the Grand Master has invariably complained of being pestered to death with foolish requests for decisions on trifling matters, the fact that the Grand Master of Delaware has not been called upon to render a single decision should be commended to the careful consideration of the brethren of all sister Grand Jurisdictions.

We would be very grateful to Grand Master Day if he could explain to us the precise manner in which he has brought about this most happy condition of affairs within his Grand Jurisdiction. Will he not tell us how he did it, in order that we may go and do likewise?

In addressing the Masters of the several lodges, he says:

"We pass a brother on the street, we know him, yet fail to notice him. Is this fraternal love? Does such an action lead him to have a more favorable view towards his fellow beings? Is it charitable? No. We are wrong and we must mend our ways, lest the great aim of Masonry becomes lost and the fraternity degenerates into a mere mercenary body."

This is sound and good advice most assuredly, but what will you do with the poor fellow who is so absent-minded that he meets a well-known brother on the street and looks him straight in the eyes without ever recognizing him, simply because his mind is wool-gathering elsewhere, and having eyes, he sees not? The writer has had that unfortunate experience several times, and has been sharply reproved by his brethren afterwards, and has been compelled to apologize for a seeming coldness and affront which had no existence in fact.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the work of Brother L. H. Jackson, Past Grand Master, but in it the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa is not given even a passing mention. This is probably accounted for by the failure of our Grand Lodge Proceedings to reach Brother Jackson, as we do not believe that he would intentionally ignore us.

District of Columbia.

Most Worshipful Henry K. Simpson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful George W. Baird, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication not given.

Even if one had not read the inscription on the cover of this volume of Proceedings a glance at the portrait of Grand Master A. B. Coolidge, which forms its frontispiece, would have satisfied him that he was in the District of Columbia. For here we have the picture of a polished gentleman, rigged out in a full-dress suit, with a fine jewel pendent from a ribbon and displayed against a "marble front," an array which would satisfy anyone that its original probably hailed from the diplomatic center of the United States. Suffice it to say, however, that the man is by no means outshown by his raiment, for a fine, clean, noble face, well set upon a pair of straight, square shoulders, is after all the most impressive thing about this portrait.

This volume of Proceedings discloses a curious state of affairs with reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, for we find that that body not only holds an annual meeting, but four "stated communications," as well as a number of special communications, each year, the last one of the stated communications falling upon St. John's Day, and the first one of the stated communications being devoted to the holding of a School of Instruction.

Following the recommendation of its Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge denied recognition to the Grand Lodge of Cosmos, of Chihuahua. Believing that the reasons given by the committee for such a report would be valuable information for our brethren of Iowa, we copy their report here:

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the petition of El Gran Logia Cosmos for formal recognition, begs leave to report:

"In its petition El Gran Logia Cosmos gives a list of fifteen Grand Lodges and Grand Orients who have already accorded it formal and fraternal recognition. Only three of these, however, are American Grand Lodges, viz.: New Mexico, California, and Oklahoma.

"From the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California we have received a letter, dated April 20, 1908, which says: 'El Gran Logia Cosmos, of Chihuahua, has not been recognized by the Grand Lodge of California. We know nothing about it.'

"From the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in New Mexico, Dr. James H. Wroth, we learn that the Grand Lodge of New Mexico once gave recognition to El Gran Logia Cosmos, but later withdrew it 'on account of their behavior.'

"Dr. Wroth has shown us a letter from Past Grand Master W. H. Seamon, of New Mexico, who is now living in Chihuahua, and who

says that after the English-speaking lodges withdrew from Cosmos it had but one working lodge left; that this one lodge split up into three lodges and began seeking recognition as Gran Logia Cosmos.

"Your committee begs leave to recommend that recognition be denied El Gran Logia Cosmos, of Chihuahua."

An effort was made to raise the minimum fee for the degrees from \$50.00 to \$100.00, and this failing, to raise it to \$75.00, but neither motion prevailed, and the fee remains unchanged.

Our brethren at the city of Washington have erected a fine new Masonic Temple, which was dedicated by the Grand Lodge of the District on the 19th day of September, 1908, with very imposing ceremonies, attended by a large number of distinguished guests. After prayer by Brother Abram Simon, Rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, and a song by a fine octet choir, the brethren listened to a fine address by Past Grand Master Matthew Trimble, which was followed by a magnificent oration by Brother J. Henning Nelms, Rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, from which we quote the following fine passages:

"Originally dedicated to the worship of Jehovah by the Jews, under an emperor of the Roman Empire it was profaned by the idolatry of the pagan. Again, it was the spiritual home of the gentle Jesus of Nazareth and His followers; and today, on the site where it stood, there stands the Mosque of Omar, and from its loftiest peak the crescent guides men to the worship of the Mohammedan's God.

"The material temple is gone, the stone has crumbled, the marble is crushed, and the great bronze columns of Jachin and Boaz have tottered and fallen, and for centuries the bat and the owl made their home in the wreck and the ruin. But from the building of that temple there has come down through the years, through the decades, through the centuries, an influence for good to mankind—a great gulf stream, flowing on and on, ever across the tides of human woe, and human want, and human weakness, and human hopes.

"Upon that gulf stream—the Ancient Order of Freemasonry—we who meet here tonight have drifted, drifted together, from distant city and state and from foreign shore; with difference of creed and religious beliefs, with difference of environment, of aspirations, of hopes, and of destiny, too; but all, every man of us, whether from the biting blasts of a northern home or from under the seething sun of the south, every man of us, with a common purpose—the brotherhood of man.

" * * * a splendid plan
To work out God's redemption scheme,
And build a fire whose radiant gleam
Shall light the world—that men may learn
To know the truth, and quickly turn,
To walk the path the Savior trod,
That leads through glory up to God."

"Our craft stands for this brotherhood of man. Out of the ages there has been evolved no higher ideal. No time, no country, no religion has offered humanity a higher purpose or a nobler plan.

"The religion of Moses prophesied a Messiah who would be a brother to men. The founder of the Christian faith, by every act of a gentle human life, confirmed that purpose to be the noblest ideal, and the only way to uplift humanity; and the followers of the crescent hold it to be the basis of their faith. I say, then, man knows no higher ideal, he can have no holier religion than the brotherhood of man.

"I have likened Masonry to that current in the world of waters known as the gulf stream, having its source in the Gulf of Mexico, rounding the coasts of Florida, and flowing on its northern way through the deep and the wild and the storm of the ocean. That current is not always distinctly defined. It does not save every ship from storm and tempest; it does not take the chill from every blast of the northern zone; but it does help to stay and still the blasts; it does speak a command of partial peace to every storm that blows in its wake; it does temper and soften the clime of every coast by which it flows; it does cause the flower to bloom and the fruit to come on many a barren coast where thorn and thistle would be except for its tempering power.

"And so with our noble order. It has not completed its task, but it has done it in part. Wherever its influence has been felt, in every land where it has flourished, it has made lighter the burden of the widow and the orphan; it has responded to the appeal of pity for the poor and the unfortunate; it has quelled the anger, and driven the hate out of many a human heart; it has helped the tired toiler and the traveler on his way; it has sheltered the homeless; it has shielded the innocent; it has given strength to the frail; it has lifted the fallen; it has helped to cleanse the atmosphere of social life; it has protected, it has fostered, it has sanctified, it has hallowed the purity of the home; the home, the very warp and woof of domestic joy, the corner-stone of our liberties, the bulwark of our civil government, and the type of all the joys which humanity hopes will come when this life is done.

"You have done well, then, my brother Masons, to build this beautiful Temple, here in the heart of your nation's capital, and you do well to meet here together tonight, in solemn, but joyous, assembly, to dedicate this house—not to the Goddess of Beauty, though in very truth you have a right to boast of its beautiful architecture; not to the Goddess of Wisdom, though true wisdom will be learned in the secret conclaves that will be held within its silent chambers; not to the glory of your ancient order, of which you are justly proud, but you and I now dedicate this Temple to that for which your order has stood in the annals of the past, that to which it pledges itself as its future task. We dedicate this house to a broader, clearer view of God, the universal Father, and to a holier love among men!"

"America" was then sung by the octet and the audience and the exercises were closed with a benediction by Brother Ulysses G. B. Pierce, pastor of All Saints Unitarian Church, the church which is attended by His Excellency the President, Brother William H. Taft. The universality of Masonry is well illustrated by the fact that in these solemn and imposing ceremonies a Jewish rabbi, an Episcopal rector, and a Unitarian pastor worked side by side as brothers of the great Order of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Grand Lodge, by appropriate resolution, requested the commission appointed by congress to erect a statue to our famous brother, Admiral John Paul Jones, to have the statue placed in the triangular space in front of the new Masonic Temple.

At the third stated communication the Grand Lodge bade farewell to its old Temple, and Grand Chaplain Joseph Davis made a very touching address, from which we have selected for quotation the following fine passages:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge, and brethren, I regard it a privilege to say a few words before taking a final farewell to the old Masonic Temple. There are those here tonight who saw its foundation, its walls reared, and the Temple dedicated. During these years of toil, fellowship, and sorrow, there come memories that stir the emotions. The memories of co-workers, whose work has ended, and their lives have become part of the great brotherhood of Masonic fraternity. While they are removed from us by death we think of them still as our brothers, although divided by the narrow stream of death. Their works follow them, and the white raiment worn by them in the world of triumph was weaved in this Temple. Deeds of love and mercy, a consecrated life to God, are powers that continue to influence the world.

"The Masonic fraternity is a grand army of men, banded together for the declaration and practice of principles such as the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. In this Temple these principles were formally espoused, and vows made that were only heard in heaven. With bended knee, and hands on the Book of God, we promised to be true and loyal to God and every brother Mason. Surely, then, this Temple is none other but the house of God, and has been the gate of heaven to many souls. Can we forget such memories? Nay, let our right hand forget its cunning, let our tongue cleave to the roof of our mouth, if we ever forget those sacred vows and holy consecration.

"Once upon a time a certain king determined to erect a temple, with the understanding that his name should be written on the entrance door in letters of gold. The work proceeded, until at last the temple was dedicated. Instead of the king's name, there was the name of a poor widow written on the front door of the temple. The king was angry, and called the woman to him, asking for an explanation. The frightened woman could not remember anything that she had done to merit this distinction, but when pressed for an answer, she recalled the fact that on several occasions she gave bits of hay to the tired horses as they pulled the granite stones that were to be built into a temple. This unselfish deed had gained for her the honor. My dear brethren, it is ever so today. Selfishness always defeats itself. Leave it alone, and all unconsciously to itself the selfish spirit will be dwarfed into insignificance. Our motive governs everything for good or ill. Yes, let our watchword be 'sentiment and sacrifice,' and then we shall prove to the world that our fraternity is built on a sure foundation.

"Your speaker is reminded of a pleasant incident that occurred soon after his marriage. While staying in Boston, a friend, whose work was in the navy yard at Charleston, presented myself and wife with a little boat, having two oars, and on each was written the words 'pull together.' If we are to succeed in our efforts, and have victory follow us and remain with us, there must be unanimity of spirit. This, I take it, will be the aim and purpose of our beloved order, reaching to its last and newest member. In the words of the poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, we close these few farewell words:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

Past Grand Master Baird, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made a report recommending that formal recognition be accorded the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Inasmuch as there has been considerable controversy among the various Grand Jurisdictions with reference to the propriety of making such a recognition, and so far as we are aware only a few of the Grand Lodges have accorded such recognition, we believe it will be of value to the craft to give this report in full here. It is as follows:

"Your Committee on Correspondence begs leave to report that the second petition of the sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, received by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on the 27th of November, was referred to the committee for consideration and report.

"Your committee gave careful consideration to the first petition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland two years ago, and though we could find no irregularity in procedure or intent, we recommended that, owing to the comity which had ever existed between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, we defer formal recognition. In addition to this there was, at that time, good reason to believe that in the near future the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland would themselves take the initiative and accord recognition.

"The last communication from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland declares that 'the Grand Lodge of Queensland has not a majority of lodges in Queensland on its rolls at the present time, but has fifty-five lodges. Our friends of the English constitution and the Scottish constitution are continuing to open lodges as fast as they can, and when one constitution opens a lodge they immediately assist the other constitution (be it English constitution or Scottish constitution) to open a lodge in the same place, mainly to keep us out; and this is done even in small places not large enough to support even one lodge. * * * I may even add that many of the lodges being started by the English constitution and the Scottish constitution have the same members on the roll, and often only just enough to fill the chairs.'

"We beg leave to invite the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the three existing District Grand Lodges in Queensland, namely, of the English, Scottish, and Irish constitutions, are not sovereign or even autonomous Grand Lodges. Their Grand Masters are appointed from across the sea. From the reports in the Proceedings it appears that many individual members, and some whole lodges, have gone over to the sovereign Grand Lodge.

"Many of our American Grand Lodges have given formal recognition to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, namely, Illinois, New Jersey, Wyoming, Kansas, and others.

"From this last report, quoted above, it appears that the number of lodges of the foreign constitutions is being amplified, even by dual membership. Thus it will appear that it will be impossible for the new Grand Lodge to get a majority, or even a plurality, of lodges in the state.

"If we desire to adhere to the American plan of planting but one sovereign Grand Lodge in one and the same state, we may, with propriety extend the principle to Queensland. Hitherto the Grand Lodges of North America have regarded the District Grand Lodges of Queensland as in the category of autonomous Grand Lodges, which, in the opinion of your committee, we were not obliged to do.

"Your committee therefore begs leave to recommend that formal recognition be now accorded the sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, of which Most Worshipful Brother Lord Chelmsford is Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother Charles H. Harley is Grand Secretary."

In his Report on Fraternal Correspondence, Brother Baird reviews the Proceedings of our own Grand Lodge for 1908. Speaking of the Grand Masters being a "walking cyclopedia of Masonic law and patience," as he is designated by Grand Master Hunter, Brother Baird says:

"This is not peculiar to Iowa. We have often thought such requests would be less frequent if the Master's tenure of office were for longer period, if the desire to make Masons was not so keen, if the Masters would have a keener knowledge of the law and its purposes. Such a request of the Grand Master is asking him to suspend the constitution of the Grand Lodge and the by-laws of the lodge."

Of the report by Past Grand Master Fellows on Fraternal Correspondence, he writes as follows: "It is his first essay, but is like that of a veteran. He modestly says he cannot measure up to the high standard of Iowa."

We only wish that Brother Baird could know Brother Fellows, for he would then realize that Brother Fellows' modesty is equalled only by his many other fine and noble characteristics.

Florida.

Most Worshipful Louis C. Massey, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Silas B. Wright, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Jacksonville, January 17, 1910.

This volume of Proceedings is prefaced by two most interesting pictures. The first is that of the Masonic Temple at Tallahassee, in which the Grand Lodge of Florida was organized on July 6, 1830, or seventy-nine years ago. It is the picture of an old-fashioned building, its windows shuttered by green blinds and surrounded by thriving trees. On the opposite page is the picture of the Masonic Temple dedicated at Jacksonville on January 20, 1909. It is a fine imposing structure seven stories in height, occupying a prominent street corner, and having all the appearances of a beautiful, modern, city business block.

Nothing could be more significant of the progress both of the state of Florida and of the Masonic order than the contrast between the two structures shown in these two pictures.

Grand Master Elmer E. Haskell is the author of an excellent, well-written annual address, in which he comments at length upon the relations existing between his own Grand Lodge and those of other states in the Union.

We note among the dispensations which he has issued quite a number granted for the purpose of balloting and conferring degrees short of time, "to furnish material for exemplification upon official visit of District Deputy Grand Master."

We believe that this is a practice which should be condemned.

The District Deputy had much better take an initiated brother as a "dummy" and work him through the degrees in order to exemplify the work, than have a candidate balloted upon short of time and hurried through the Masonic degrees all in one night. It is bad business, because it cuts short the time for investigation which is not any too long now, and for the further reason that it gives the candidate too meagre and trivial a conception of the philosophy taught in the degrees.

But while we condemn the issuance of this dispensation, there is a ruling upon the application for another which we can heartily commend.

The Grand Master says: "I *denied* the application of lodges for a dispensation to attend *divine* services in church at Key West on St. John's Day."

We would commend this wise decision to the careful consideration of some of our Canada Grand Masters who seem anxious to promote the attendance of churches by Masonic lodges in full regalia.

Our views on this question are expressed at length elsewhere in this report and we refrain from repeating them here.

It seems that in Florida the lodges are in the habit of appealing to their sister lodges for financial aid for worthy brethren in distress, or for the assistance of their widows and orphans. This inevitably results in a number of begging letters being sent around to all of the lodges of the state, and in spite of the fact that each appeal must have the approval of the Grand Master, we believe that this system of administering charity is undignified and unworthy a Masonic order. We believe that our Iowa plan, by which a certain proportion of the Grand Lodge dues is each year set apart in a Grand Lodge Charity fund in the hands of Trustees, who distribute their donations in a quiet and delicate way, and in the manner which tends most to be of the greatest help to the party in need is a better one. Our plan is fully described in any volume of our Grand Lodge Proceedings, and we would recommend to our Florida brethren the substitution of this plan in place of their "appeal for aid system."

Among the sound decisions of Grand Master Haskell we find the following:

"That in a case where 'charges for unmasonic conduct' had been preferred against a member, specifically charging him with practicing improper sexual relations with his wife's two sisters and thereby causing their ruin, the matter for inquiry by the lodge should be whether the charges of these illicit relations were true or false, and not whether the character of the girls was good or bad. That the offense was the violation of the moral code and that if guilty he should be punished."

But we believe the Grand Master was wrong when he decided:

"That a petition from one who is a theatrical man, and always on the road, with the recommendation of the lodge within whose juris-

diction he last resided, may be received and acted upon, although the petitioner has not in fact resided within the state of Florida twelve months, nor within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which same is made six months; and that the residence of his family, if he had one, would fix his residence; or that the fact of registering for election purposes, either in state or city elections, would establish the same."

We believe that the brother should be compelled to submit to the required term of residence within the jurisdiction of the Florida lodge, where his conduct might be under the close inspection of that lodge before his petition is received.

Nor can we agree with the following decision:

"That a debt from one brother to another, coupled with ability to pay, and refusal to do so, might be a proper basis for charges of unmasonic conduct—the wrong consisting in the willful refusal to pay in such case."

We do not believe that a Masonic lodge has a right to act as a collection agency under any circumstances. Whether a brother has a right to compel another to pay a debt or an obligation is one that should be left solely to the profane courts for its determination.

We must differ once again with this Grand Master when he decides:

"That a brother whose views of Deity mean 'the absorption of God in nature,' and that 'nature's laws comprise his views of Deity,' and that 'there is no being whom he recognizes as the author of the universe,' is an atheist and should be charged as such, tried, and, if proven to be an atheist, should be expelled."

All that is required by the Masonic lodge for admission to membership is a belief in the Deity. No Mason has any right to define for another the precise nature and meaning of this term. That is a matter that should be left severely alone, one that each brother ought to be left entirely free to determine for himself.

During the year eight corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, including court houses, churches, and one Elk's temple.

Among the number we also find the corner-stone of a "power plant near Plant City." We cannot approve of the Masonic lodge turning out to lay the corner-stone of a building used for private commercial purposes, as was in all probability the case with this power plant.

A gavel brought from Palestine by Brother J. W. Archibald was presented by him to the Grand Lodge for use in the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Jacksonville, the gavel being made "from the native and representative woods of Palestine."

The Temple was dedicated with imposing ceremonies, and Brother D. U. Fletcher, in making the speech of acceptance on the part of the Grand Lodge, said in part:

"Masonry has always been constructive and not destructive. This Temple is evidence of the higher achievements, the nobilities of character for which the order stands.

"It proves that we have passed beyond that stage where no thought of tomorrow was taken, to a day when man measures and lays out his life, designs an intelligent scheme of activity and looks to the future as well as cares for the present. It illustrates the earnestness and the sincerity of our cause. It emphasizes the fact that the Masons *do* things and are not content to merely talk about them and *profess*.

"It signifies that we claim to be sound, that the *practices* rather than the *professions* of men must measure their worth and even the standard of civilization itself.

"Solid set, may this Temple signal to the passing hours as time moves on and to the generations of men as they come and go, the living everlasting virtues—brotherly love, charity, and truth.

"May it stand like the burning bush, which would not be consumed, out of which came the voice to Moses on the Midian plains, and may it send forth messages to mankind which will stir and bless, even as the bush emitted flames which leaped into the heart of Moses and filled him with power!

"Emblazoned on the banner which floats from this roof, we may declare to the world that this order, 'respecting every honest creed, but' requiring adherence to none; teaching obedience to states, but confining itself to no one of them; looking to religion on the one side and the law upon the other, and standing on the solid middle ground of the universal moral sentiments of mankind, admits "good and true men, free born and of discreet and lawful age," joins the best energies of such men and moves on towards the goal of perfection of man and of society.' "

The brethren who have been sufficiently interested in the doings of foreign Grand Jurisdictions to read this report will have noticed that the question as to whether a lodge should be permitted to attend the religious services of a church in a body as a Masonic lodge, has frequently come up for discussion.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Florida submitted a most interesting and instructive report on this question, and in view of the fact that it contains some valuable information on this question, we take the pleasure of publishing it in full here, the report having been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Florida:

"Your special committee appointed at our last annual communication to investigate and report as to 'whether the attendance upon divine service by a lodge as such is a Masonic function,' beg leave to report that we find that the other Grand Jurisdictions differ so materially that we are unable to decide the point raised.

"Letters were addressed to the Grand Secretaries of all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and from their replies we find that in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming lodges are not permitted to attend church as a lodge at any time.

"In Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Vermont lodges are permitted to attend divine service on St. Johns' Days and for funerals, without a dispensation, at pleasure, but in some of these states lodges cannot attend divine service at any other times.

"In Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indian Territory, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia lodges may attend at any time by dispensation.

"In Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and New York lodges may attend divine service at pleasure without dispensations, and in the great jurisdiction of New York they are encouraged to so attend, and such has been the practice for more than a hundred years.

"In some of the jurisdictions, the mere fact of the appointing of a certain day to attend divine service makes it a 'Masonic occasion,' and some of the Grand Lodges under English constitutions as soon as opened proceed in public procession to church, and in some cases are preceded by a full band.

"We are, however, of the opinion that it is inexpedient that lodges or Masters of lodges should ever be permitted to summon members under penalties to attend lodge for the purpose of attending divine service, and therefore recommend that lodges as such be prohibited from attending divine service at any time excepting for funerals and on St. Johns' Days as provided in the constitution."

As far as we are aware Iowa has as yet not taken a stand on this question, but we hope and trust that when she does she will ally herself with the Grand Jurisdictions listed in the first group mentioned in the report above quoted.

The reasons for our position on this question have been set forth at length elsewhere in this report under the heads of the various Grand Jurisdictions in which the question has arisen during the period covered by this report. We need not repeat them in full here, but may say briefly and curtly that in our opinion the attendance of a Masonic lodge in full regalia, or as a body, upon the religious services of any denominational church should be prohibited in all cases excepting that of funerals of members of the order, for the reason that such attendance tends to foster sectarian disputes, and promote dissension, disunion, and discord among the brethren, and makes a holy show of what should be a sacred and hallowed matter. The Masonic order has no right whatever to concern itself in any way with the particular creed of the individual Mason, or in any way to tamper with his particular religious preferences. Beyond exacting from him a belief in God and in the immortality of the soul, it has no right whatever to meddle with matters of conscience and religion. A lodge has no right to even request that a brother should attend the divine services of any church, much less to command him to do so.

It has no right to disconcert or even embarrass a brother by making him realize that he must either attend a church of which his conscience does not approve, or be left out of one of the formal functions of his lodge.

The order has ever disclaimed being a religious institution. And this being the case, the less it has to do as an order with the public ceremonials of the church, the better. Our safety and security lies in letting these matters severely alone, and in strictly minding our own business.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright, who has reviewed sixty volumes of Proceedings in a report covering 123 pages. Of this space he grants to Iowa four pages.

He says that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge at Cedar Rapids was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, it should have been opened in "due form" and not in "ample form." We are not sufficient of a ritualistic expert to pass upon this all important question.

Under the circumstances that existed at Cedar Rapids at the time, we were glad to get the Grand Lodge opened in any form, and believe that we succeeded in getting it opened in sufficient form to make its transactions of binding, legal force, for which last we were truly grateful.

Brother Wright says of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, written by Brother Fellows, that it "is a well-written paper, concisely reviewing the doings of the Masonic world."

Brother Wright is a writer who can pack a great deal of information away in a very few words, and for this reason is eminently fitted and qualified for the position of foreign correspondent for his Grand Lodge.

Georgia.

Most Worshipful Thomas H. Jeffries, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful A. Q. Moody, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Macon, October 26, 1909.

In his annual address Grand Master Jeffries pays the following eloquent tribute to Masonry:

"Her ambitions are laudable, her aims are noble and her aspirations high and holy. Reason sits enthroned, and upon her brow is a coronet of virtue. Vice, immorality, ignorance, superstition, every evil that is a child of darkness, is trampled under her hallowed feet. She stands for and battles for the right; for liberty unrestrained save by the law of right; for the suppression of tyranny of thought or word or deed; for reason against passion and prejudice; for intelligence against ignorance; for tolerance against tyranny; for virtue against vice; for peace and harmony against strife and discord; for love against hate. Within her sacred walls there is no place for bickerings, envy, strife, or hatred; there peace and harmony are the pillars of her strength; upon her holy altar rests—

"That Book, that holy Book, on every line
Marked with the seal of high Divinity—
On every leaf bedewed with drops of love
Divine, and with the eternal heraldry
And signature of God Almighty stamped
From first to last,"

as the unerring guide of faith and action to every one who assumes her vows.

"A glorious brotherhood, whose foundation is faith and trust in Almighty God. Recognizing His eternal Fatherhood, it becomes the royal house of the King of Heaven, every brother a royal prince, through whose veins courses the purple blood of his Divine lineage. Matchless Masonry, with her immortal tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, is like Celestial wisdom.

"For she hath treasures greater far,
Than East or West unfold,
More precious are her bright rewards
Than gems or stars of gold;
Her right hand offers to the just
Immortal happy days.
Her left imperishable wealth
And heavenly crowns displays.

"And as her holy labors rise,
So her rewards increase;
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.'"

He brings his noble and beautiful effort to a close with the following eloquent words:

"We are a noble and glorious brotherhood marshalled under the banner of truth. To defend the right, relieve the suffering, overcome the evil with the good, guard the sacred honor of woman, and to glorify God our Father, is the sublime mission of Masonry in the world.

"A wondrous army whose martial song is 'Peace on earth, Good will to men,' whose most glorious victory shall be when 'swords shall be beaten into plough shares and spears into pruning hooks;' whose grandest triumph shall come when 'the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains.'

"Then let us so strive that, when at last the victorious hosts of the Sons of Light shall stand before the tiled door of the celestial lodge, clothed in the garments of innocence, and upon our lips the 'Lost Word,' we shall find triumphant entrance into the presence of the Supreme Grand Master in the supernal lodge whose altar fires are the incense of God's infinite love.

"Many of us have fought these battles valiantly and long, and the time must come, ere long, when we must lay aside the implements of our warfare and rest."

"L'ENVOI.

"When earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it—lie down for an æon or two,
Till the Master of all good workmen shall set us to work anew!

"And those that were good shall be happy: they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from—Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all!

"And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working, and each in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the God of Things as they are!"

We regret very much that a portrait of Grand Master Jeffries does not accompany these Proceedings, as we are more than anxious to look upon the face of the man who writes so eloquently of the virtues of our beloved order.

With regard to the matter of visitations, he writes:

"I have broken the record this year in the matter of visitations. So far have I yielded to the invitations that have been so generously accorded me, that a certain good lady has said: 'My husband is one-quarter husband and three-quarters Mason.'"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the request of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina for recognition be indefinitely postponed, this on the ground of the intimate relations that exist between it and the atheistical Grand Orient of France.

The committee further recommended that the request of the Grand Orient of Greece for recognition be denied on the ground that two Grand Bodies were contesting for the supremacy in that country, and on the further ground that the Grand Orient has not an independent sovereign Grand Master, but is dominated by a Master of the 33d degree under whose authority it acts.

The committee further recommended that action upon the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan be postponed on account of the limited information at its disposal.

The report of the committee was adopted, and in all of its recommendations we most heartily concur.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother A. Q. Moody, and in our opinion he has mastered the art of being brief and intensely interesting at the same time. He is able to pack more meat away in a small space than any reviewer whose work it has been our pleasure to peruse up to this time. He has reviewed with great skill a large number of Proceedings. Commenting upon Iowa and our annual meeting at Cedar Rapids last year, he describes our opening ceremonies briefly, yet fully.

We can say for his information that the law in Iowa with reference to a compulsory second ballot where only one black ball has been cast is the same as it is in Georgia, and has been so for a number of years.

Speaking of our Grand Secretary, he says: "Grand Secretary Parvin is a model officer, but has no time to play. Nearly 15,000 communications are sent out annually."

Regarding our esteemed friend, Mrs. Julius Coller—the Cora E. Dennis that was—he says:

"One of the pleasing episodes of the week, briefly stated, is as follows: Miss Cora E. Dennis for thirteen years was stenographer and assistant to the Grand Secretary. In that time she had become known to all those in regular attendance at the Grand Lodge. A few months before, Miss Dennis resigned her office, to become the bride of Senator Julius Coller, of Minnesota. Mrs. Coller went to Cedar Rapids, so as to meet many of her old friends. While there, she was called to the balcony floor of the hotel, and was presented with a mahogany chest of solid silver by her Masonic friends."

At the end of his report he has some very interesting and profitable statistics regarding the doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction:"

"Masonry is a potent factor in making the world better, and reports from all jurisdictions show that, with 'peace and harmony' as

prevailing conditions, the Masonic world is steadily growing in strength. There is one disturbing element, and that is the doctrine of ‘perpetual jurisdiction.’ As a matter of general interest, we insert the list with the limiting period attached:

“LIMITED PERIOD.

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| Maine | 5 years | Georgia | 1 year |
| New Hampshire | 5 years | Montana | 1 year |
| Massachusetts | 5 years | Arizona | 1 year |
| Michigan | 5 years | Tennessee | 1 year |
| Oregon | 5 years | Washington | 1 year |
| Wisconsin | 5 years | California | 1 year |
| Rhode Island | 5 years | New Mexico | 1 year |
| District of Columbia..... | 5 years | New York | 1 year |
| Arkansas | 5 years | Colorado | 6 months |
| Ohio | 3 years | Idaho | 6 months |
| Vermont | 1 year | Iowa | 6 months |
| Florida..... | 1 year | Kansas | 6 months |
| Indiana | 1 year | Oklahoma | 6 months |
| North Dakota | 1 year | Utah | 6 months |

“TERRITORIAL.

“Indian Territory, Nevada, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Wyoming, South Dakota.

“PERPETUAL.

“North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia.

“An example will illustrate the doctrine of ‘perpetual jurisdiction:’

“A candidate living in Texas applies for the degrees in Masonry and is rejected. Afterwards, he moves to Georgia. He may be a citizen of Georgia for one year, or twenty years, or forty years. He may develop those exemplary traits of character, which should be typical of a true Mason, but a lodge in Georgia must not entertain a petition from this good man without having first obtained the consent of the Texas lodge which once rejected him.

“Georgia allows a candidate residing within its own jurisdiction to make application again at the end of twelve months, and there does not appear to be any reason why a distinction should be made in case of a candidate who once resided in another jurisdiction.”

Idaho.

Most Worshipful William R. Hamilton, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary.
Worshipful George E. Knepper, Committee on Correspondence.
Next Annual Communication, Boise, September 14, 1909.

The Forty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was called to order in Boise on Séptember 8, 1908, by Grand

Master William C. Whitwell, with a full roster of Grand Officers in attendance. There were also in attendance six Past Grand Masters and four Past Grand Wardens.

In his annual address the Grand Master speaks of the activity of the young men in the order in Idaho, expressing great gratification for the interest they are taking in Masonic work:

"In my travels over the state I have been particularly gratified to see so many young men entering the Masonic fraternity. The pure principles as taught and practiced by our ancient and honorable order will greatly aid in purifying, elevating, and ennobling the lives of all men; but the young men coming into the Masonic fraternity will receive a special blessing, for in them will be instilled and developed a veneration and love for the Deity and His sacred word, which will greatly strengthen their faith, and guide them safely through life's journey in the paths of righteousness.

"From the reports of various lodges it appears that our membership has reached 2,595, a net gain of 200. The steadily increasing numbers is a source of satisfaction, and the stronger we become the greater is our responsibility."

During the year charters were granted to two different lodges, which is doing very well considering the fact that there were in this Grand Jurisdiction only forty-nine chartered lodges.

On account of the comparatively small size of our membership in this state, there was very little business transacted besides the listening to statistical reports and the election of officers.

The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother George E. Knepper, turned out a very comprehensive report, reviewing sixty-three volumes of Proceedings. Three pages are devoted to our Grand Jurisdiction. He says, referring to our Cedar Rapids meeting:

"The public exercises prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge were imposing. Meeting at the hotel, marching to the opera house, invocation, singing by a select quartet, address of welcome and responses, give the reader an idea of how things Masonic are done in Iowa."

He mentions the presentation of the gavel by Brother Barry, and commends Grand Master Hunter's injunction that a small portion of the Masonic law should be read in each subordinate lodge each evening. He speaks in a complimentary way of Brother Parvin's great work as Grand Secretary and Librarian.

Of the Correspondence Report by Brother Fellows, he says: "It is his first effort and it is a very valuable one, too." He appreciates the cordial treatment given to Idaho in the report of Brother Fellows.

Illinois.

Most Worshipful Alexander H. Bell, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Joseph Robbins, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Chicago, second Tuesday in October, 1909.

It is a pleasure to pick up the neatly bound and finely printed volume of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The cover is neat and attractive and we are glad to get hold of a volume that is not bound in the everlasting dark blue that characterizes the volumes of so many of the other Grand Jurisdictions. While we realize that blue is the appropriate color of the Blue Lodge, yet to any one who is at all impressionable too great a persistence in the use of that color is apt to give one blues of a very unpleasant and disagreeable nature. It is all right for an institution to have an emblematic color, but to have it everlastingly rubbed into one leaves a dark blue pall weighing heavily upon the artistic sense. It is therefore with great relief that the eye falls upon the finely engraved cover of the Illinois Proceedings.

We regret, however, that no portrait of Grand Master Bell accompanies the volume. It may be, however, that his picture was included in some previous volume of Proceedings and is so familiar to the brethren of Illinois that it does not need repetition in this one. Yet, seeing that he says such fine, strong things in his annual address, we would like the privilege of looking into the face of the man who gave them utterance.

Speaking of the progress of Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction, he says:

“Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is certainly in a most flourishing condition. Never in our history have there been such accessions to our numbers as during the past year, and I believe that it can truthfully be said that considering the numerical strength of our organization and the great number of lodges in the state, there has been an unusual measure of harmony and of true fraternal spirit among the brethren.”

Having served in a similar capacity ourselves, we heartily sympathize with him when he remonstrates with his brethren in the following words:

“The returns to the Grand Secretary show a total membership in this state of more than ninety thousand. So large an institution as this calls upon its chief executive officer for unremitting attention. The business that comes to the Grand Master’s office is very great in volume and oftentimes very perplexing. Almost numberless questions have been submitted to him during the past year, many of which were needlessly submitted, because many of them could have been answered very readily by the writers if they had taken pains to examine the Blue Book.”

When, O when, will the Masters and Secretaries ever learn not to pester the Grand Master with silly questions which they can easily answer for themselves by simply consulting the printed authorities they have at hand. We know of one presiding Grand Officer who "took the bull by the horns" in this matter and at the opening of his administration issued a peremptory order to all the presiding officers and secretaries of the local bodies of the jurisdiction directing them to read the printed laws from end to end within thirty days, and to certify that they had done so in writing to him. At the same time he notified them that thereafter he would answer no questions concerning the laws unless they first assured him that they had made a search in the printed authorities for themselves and had been unable to find the answer there. We believe that if this course were pursued by Grand Masters that the cause of Masonry would be greatly benefited thereby. The Masters of the various lodges and the members thereof ought in this way to be compelled to be of assistance to themselves. It cannot help but do them good.

We are glad to note that Brother Bell pays a fitting tribute to one of Illinois' most famous Masons when he says:

"Right Worshipful Brother Gilbert Wordsworth Barnard was summoned from labor on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God on June 19, 1908, at his home in the city of Chicago. He was attended by the sole surviving member of his family and by friends, and everything that loving care could do was generously bestowed upon him to alleviate his suffering and light his way through the portals of eternity. Brother Barnard was as widely known throughout this Grand Jurisdiction perhaps as any Mason in the state. He had never held an elective office in this Grand Lodge but served it with fidelity as a member of the Board of Grand Examiners and as a member of the Committee on Finance. He had been active in Masonic work, and his removal from this earthly home leaves a vacancy that cannot be filled. All who knew him loved him. All Masons of Illinois of any general acquaintance throughout the state knew him. I am sure that you all unite with me in extending to his family our tenderest sympathy."

During the year dispensations were issued for the formation of eleven new lodges, and eight lodges working under dispensation were given charters. Eight corner-stones were laid by the Grand Lodge—being for four churches, two high schools, and two Masonic temples.

Under the head of "Dispensations Issued and Denied" the Grand Master makes a decision which, in our opinion, is of such vital importance to the craft at large that we publish in full his language concerning the same:

"Among other applications for special dispensations, I have been asked to issue a dispensation authorizing a Masonic lodge to attend services on Easter Sunday at a church. Before acting on this application, however, I gave careful attention to the subject matter and was surprised to find that no uniform rule had been followed in this Grand Jurisdiction. I found that many lodges in the state had been accustomed to take it for granted that a Masonic lodge might

attend religious services at a church without dispensation, and that in some instances the Grand Master knew that such lodges had so acted. I found in many instances that requests had been made for special dispensation to attend such services and that dispensation had issued accordingly. After giving to this subject the most careful consideration I reached the conclusion that inasmuch as I had discretion in the matter, I would decline to issue dispensation in any such case. For a Mason or any number of Masons separately or collectively, in procession or otherwise, to attend religious services at any church, is highly commendable in them, and they ought to be encouraged to do so. But religious services on Easter Sunday are commemorative of events which do not appeal to many thousands of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. For a Masonic lodge to attend religious services on Sunday at a church, wearing the clothing and bearing the jewels and paraphernalia of a lodge is largely a matter of mere parade. The church service is not in any sense a Masonic ceremony or service, and it is in no wise necessary that the organized lodges should participate therein. The lodge does nothing. Its members merely sit still and listen. If lodges may determine to attend religious services at some denominational church, it inevitably leads to a discussion and choice between churches, in which those favoring one church would urge that the lodge attend services at that church, and those favoring other churches would insist that the lodge attend services at such other churches, and that if a lodge had attended services at one church last year, it ought in fairness to attend services at another church this year, and thus lodges might easily become distracted by a discussion of purely denominational matters in no wise appertaining to Masonry.

"Moreover, it occurred to me that if the lodge as a lodge should be authorized to attend religious services, treating it as in any sense as a Masonic ceremony, there would then be power somewhere in the lodge to compel the attendance of all the members of such lodge at such service, or to discipline such members as refused so to attend.

"For these and other reasons which I do not now take time to mention or discuss, I declined to issue any dispensation authorizing any Masonic lodge as a lodge to attend religious services at any church. I have had the same question presented as to preaching in a church in commemoration of St. John the Baptist and have likewise refused to issue dispensation."

We cannot help but feel that this is a matter of great importance, closely affecting the peace and harmony of the craft throughout the world. We feel that Brother Bell's decision is right and based upon the most sound and cogent reasoning. When a lodge visits the religious services of any one particular church in uniform and as a body, it thereby, to a certain extent at least, sets its stamp of approval upon the peculiar form of religion which is promulgated by that church, and to that extent ratifies its peculiar creed and particular religious belief, and this is a thing which we believe that no Masonic lodge can afford to do. As Brother Bell has so clearly pointed out, such a course must inevitably lead to contention and strife among the brethren, and to be destructive of that precious harmony which our order has so carefully guarded and preserved throughout the centuries. We are glad to note the determined stand taken by Brother Bell in this matter and firmly believe that it would be a wise thing to embody a prohibition in the laws of each Grand Jurisdiction prevent-

ing a Masonic lodge from setting its seal of approval upon the creed of any one denomination by attending its religious services in a body, the proper exception, of course, being made for attending the funeral services of a dead brother in a church.

Another most sound and wise decision was rendered by the Grand Master with reference to the proper disbursal of Masonic funds. We give it in his own words:

"I have held that it is not proper for Masonic lodges to appropriate their funds for any purpose not Masonic, either for promoting railroads, establishing factories, or otherwise for the promotion of any sectarian or non-Masonic concern.

"If the lodge could vote money out of its treasury to promote any such business enterprise it would invite a raid upon the treasury every time any business enterprise or supposed laudable undertaking wanted assistance. The brethren of the lodge would become divided, the treasury depleted, and the lodge lose its real vitality, wholly on account of matters in no wise connected with Masonry."

It has come to our knowledge in the past year that the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, a committee composed solely of Past Grand High Priests, has, working individually and separately, been unanimous in holding to the same conclusion reached by Grand Master Bell in the foregoing decision.

In spite of the fact that we know that Past Grand Master Clark, of our own state, is not very much in favor of curing things with legislation, yet we cannot help but feel that this matter of the proper disbursal of funds ought to be controlled by legislation enacted by the several Grand Jurisdictions so as to forever set the question at rest. We were surprised a few weeks ago in looking over the Masonic Code of our own state to find that the Code was silent as to the purposes for which lodge funds could be spent.

Grand Master Bell it seems had considerable trouble arising out of a failure on the part of his brethren to appreciate the principles which should control the formation of new lodges within the state; but great good was in our opinion born of this trouble. For it caused the Grand Master to prepare a circular letter to the craft at large, in which he gave utterance to a most masterly and lucid enunciation of the principles which should guide and control Masons in the formation and establishment of new lodges. We have carefully studied this circular letter and are ready to give it our most hearty and unqualified endorsement. We believe that nothing but positive good and benefit could result to the craft at large if this letter were adopted and made use of by Grand Masters throughout the world in cases where the question as to the advisability of granting dispensation for a new lodge arises. At any rate, we feel that this letter cannot help but be of great assistance to every Grand Master, Grand High Priest, or Grand Commander who is called upon to consider the question of issuing a dispensation for the formation of a new subordinate body within his Grand Jurisdiction. The letter is too long to permit of its being inserted here, otherwise we should certainly include it in our report.

Perhaps we shall later include the letter in our report as a valuable appendix.

The reception by the Grand Lodge of Right Worshipful Brother Fay Hempstead, for over a quarter of a century Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, formed a most pleasing incident of this annual communication. It seems that Brother Hempstead "has recently been elected by a great majority of all of the Masonic bodies in the United States and Canada Poet Laureate of Masonry." Judging from the beauty of the sentiments expressed by Brother Hempstead in his response to the welcoming words accorded him by Brother Spencer, we conclude that his coronation as Poet Laureate was an honor wisely and well bestowed.

From the report of the Committee on Obituaries we copy the following beautiful verse quoted by the committee:

"Calm death, God of crossed hands and passionless eyes,
Thou God that never heedst gift nor prayer,
Men blindly call Thee cruel, unaware
That everything is dearer since it dies.
Worn by the chain of years, without surprise
The wise man welcomes Thee, and leaves the glare
Of noisy sunshine gladly, and his share
He chose not in mad life and windy skies.
Passions and dreams of love, the fever and fret
Of toil, seem vain and petty when we gaze
On the imperious lords who have no breath;
Atoms or worlds—we call them lifeless, yet
They are divine, all-comprehending Death."

The annual oration was delivered by Brother Elmer E. Beach, the Grand Orator, who spoke at length upon the subject of "International Brotherhood." His address was a plea for international and universal peace; and his reference to the Masonic institution in connection with this great movement is well worth quoting:

"Every principle of the grand old institution in whose interests we are here assembled, every tenet of the ancient order we love and honor, demands that of all the influences now working together to unify humanity, to make of all the nations of the earth one harmonious family, and to establish a universal brotherhood, not only among the earth's toiling millions, but among the world's discordant nations, the influence of Freemasonry shall be the most potent. Other purposes of the institution become dwarfed when compared with the transcendent importance of this, fraught with such vital interest to the great family of nations. Let us then, as members of the most benevolent and humanitarian organization that has ever existed among men, take our rightful places as leaders of this world-movement, the success of which means infinitely increased happiness and prosperity for present and future generations. To do less is to fail in our primary duties, to be callous to the fundamental precepts of Freemasonry, and to be recreant to the sacred obligations imposed upon us by the universal institution whose existence points with prophetic certainty to the ultimate unification of mankind through the growth of a universal brotherhood."

The Grand Lodge granted fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Holland, but went "a little slow" in the matter of recogniz-

ing the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, in that by resolution it referred the matter of such recognition to a special committee of five to report next year.

An error appears in Brother Moulton's resolution when he writes that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico has been recognized by Iowa. This is a mistake, for while Iowa has such recognition under consideration, she has as yet not granted it.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence is from the pen of Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins. It is a most complete and masterly achievement, covering 350 closely printed pages, and can be the result of nothing but most faithful and unremitting toil and labor. We are satisfied beyond all possible doubt and question that Brother Robbins has more than earned his money.

He is kind enough to devote over nine full pages to the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge, saying of Grand Master Hunter's address that it was "a comparatively brief, but comprehensive paper, couched in good, direct, forcible English, by no means lacking in grace."

He commends the position taken by Grand Master Hunter denying petitions for dispensations to hold a regular meeting of a subordinate lodge on some other night than the regular time fixed by the By-laws.

Brother Robbins has considerable fun with us over the predicaments we continue to find ourselves in as a result of that fearful and wonderful piece of Iowa legislature known as the "mullet law." He dissents forcibly from the action of our Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in "turning the Grand Master down cold" when he decided that a bookkeeper for a brewery, who had no interest in the business, might legally receive the degrees. Personally we cannot help but feel that Grand Master Hunter and Brother Robbins are both right, and that our own Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence is wrong. Yet we realize that it can make but little difference what we think on the subject, for we happen to reside in that portion of Iowa which is known as the "State of Scott" on account of its independent views on the subject of liquor legislation, and for that reason "do not count" with the rest of the state.

Concerning the matter of reimbursing the home lodge for the expense of burying the dead body of a foreign brother, Brother Robbins says, with reference to the rule adopted by our Trustees, as follows:

"No fault can be found with the rule adopted by the Trustees; it is all that could be desired. Nor do we object to the reimbursement of a lodge for expenses incurred without authorization, if such reimbursement be the free will offering of the lodge whose member was the beneficiary. But unless the expense has been authorized by it, thereby removing the case from the charitable, and placing it upon a business basis, we cannot agree to the validity of any claim for reimbursement. As we have elsewhere stated we regard Brother Drummond's statement of the principle involved, viz.: 'Masonic relief is never purchased or sold, and therefore never creates a debt,' as indisputable and conclusive."

And we believe that he has correctly stated the rule that should govern and control in such cases.

Brother Robbins takes our Grand Lodge to task on account of the adoption by it of a resolution recognizing and establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa. We cannot help feeling, however, that Brother Robbins fails to realize the great good that inevitably comes to the Masonic fraternity of our state by reason of the fraternal recognition of each of the Grand Bodies by the other Grand Bodies of the state as regular, sovereign, and supreme in their own special field and over the particular degrees of York or Scottish Rite Masonry which they have in charge. We have found here in Iowa that such a mutual interchange of recognition has settled forever the question as to what bodies are regular and what are clandestine, and has resulted in each one of the regular bodies uniting to keep out spurious and clandestine organizations and in causing them to put forth vigorous efforts towards promoting each other's prosperity and welfare.

It does seem to us that Brother Robbins is busily engaged in splitting hairs when he attempts to criticise our Grand Lodge for passing this resolution.

While strictly speaking, as Past Grand Master Fellows admits, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., the Grand Chapter R. A. M., the Grand Council R. & S. M., the Grand Commandery K. T., and the several Consistories in Iowa of the A. & A. S. R., holding charters from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, are not "co-ordinate bodies," yet in a sense they are "co-operative bodies," in that they fraternally respect and recognize each other as legitimate and regular Masonic bodies, and no matter how others may speculate to the contrary, we here in Iowa know from actual experience that this interchange of fraternal courtesy has been a helpful and pleasant thing for all concerned, a thing not to be criticised or to be unfavorably commented upon.

Speaking of the liquor law situation in Illinois and Iowa, Brother Robbins very wittily comments in the following manner:

"Perhaps we were hasty in attributing the inopportune behavior of the moon to carelessness. We defer to an Iowan's judgment as to the effect of rapidly crossing wet and dry areas in Illinois, but we suspect that she did not go clean daft and mix her dates until some one asked her to explain the Iowa mulct law."

We are grateful to Brother Robbins for the attention he has given us and the space which he has accorded to our Proceedings in his report.

Indiana.

Most Worshipful Charles N. Mikels, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Daniel McDonald, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Indianapolis, May 25, 1909.

It is a pleasure to pick up this volume of Proceedings. The cover makes no pretension to artistic adornment, but has printed on it a plain, clear-cut statement of the character of the volume, and what pleases us more than all else, it puts the name of the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence on the back cover in plain type, a thing which so many Grand Secretaries forget to have done, but one which saves the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of every state to which these Proceedings are sent a great deal of time.

The interior of the volume is composed of pages beautifully printed in large, clear type.

Its frontispiece consists of a fine photo-engraving of the new Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge at Indianapolis, a most dignified and imposing structure of the beautiful Ionic style of architecture.

The most interesting part of this volume is the record of the special meeting of the Grand Lodge held May 25, 1908, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of this Temple.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in a hall near-by the building site, and under the direction of the Grand Marshal formed in grand procession, and under escort of the Knights Templar was conducted to the foundation of the building.

The parade was most imposing, being participated in by no less than thirty-five Blue Lodges and escorted by eleven different Commanderies of the Knights Templar.

The corner-stone was laid with full Masonic ceremonies, and the oration of the day was delivered by Past Grand Master Lincoln V. Cravens. It was a most masterly address and one of the finest pieces of Masonic eloquence which it has been our pleasure to read.

We only regret that the space allotted to us will not permit of our reproducing it here in full.

The following bit will show some interesting history with reference to the progress of Masonry in Indiana:

"In the ninety years that have gone, such a ceremony has been performed but twice; the corner-stone of the first temple was laid by Grand Master Deming, October 25, 1848, that building costing approximately \$35,000; the second by Grand Master Lucien A. Foote, May 24, 1875, and costing about \$120,000, and one of the most pleasing incidents of this occasion is that our dear Brother Foote is spared and has come all the way from Wisconsin to be present and partici-

pate in this ceremony, and we sincerely trust that his purity of life and character will be an example to his brethren for many years to come. When completed, this building will cost more than \$500,000."

The following is too fine and too good to be denied to our brethren of Iowa, and is therefore quoted here:

"Surely God has stamped upon the rose that perfumes the air, upon the rain-drop that swells the mighty river, and upon the penciled shell that rests at the bottom of the deep—upon all, has He stamped that 'None liveth to himself.'

"Our principles are broad enough to embrace the Christian of the advanced twentieth century, the Mohammedan, the followers of Confucius, and the devotees of the Buddha, not dictating to man his peculiar beliefs, yet at all times pointing him to that finer and grander conception of the great doctrine of the 'fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.'

"Why does mankind build such beautiful and imposing structures? Why do we study architecture? Why has not man throughout the ages made structures merely utilitarian—merely four walls and a covering, with no ornamentation, no glittering towers, no stately minarets? It is because of that desire deep down in the soul for something more expressive of the inner longing for the beautiful. I have sometimes thought that this yearning for the beautiful in architecture has come down from the time that primeval man dwelt in caves and grottos; where all around him was the symmetry and the architectural grandeur of nature. He gazed upward in those galleries of the gods at the splendid arches, the majestic domes, the crystalline stalactites, inverted pinnacles, all teaching of that silent, creative force that for the centuries had pervaded all nature. Contemplating these works of creation, could he not turn the question of Job on himself and say: 'Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Whereupon are the foundations fastened, or who laid the corner-stone thereof, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy.' Was it any wonder then that when he left his cave and his grotto, that within his soul was a longing to 'imitate the Divine plan and study symmetry and order?' Was it any wonder that those early impressions of the infant and plastic mind of the race were so enduring that later when the mallet, the chisel, and the trowel were placed in his hands, that first planting trees on ends and then laying others across to support a covering did not satisfy the soul attuned to more sublime conceptions; did not satisfy the craving for the arch, the pillar, and the dome, nor should we be surprised that from this great travail of the mind, from this great longing of the soul, from this heritage of the earliest times, should spring forth the temples of the Karnaks, the pyramids of Egypt, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, and that long line of splendid edifices that have served to illustrate man's capacity and his yearning for perfection. These magnificent structures unite us, our hopes, our fortunes, and our destinies, but very much more than that, for when I put my ear to the ground and listen to the strivings of the race, as they come rumbling down the ages, from dynasty to dynasty, I hear that much deeper than inspiration is that yearning for the well-rounded, symmetrical, perfect character, and that all of those buildings, massive, enduring, lovely beyond the poet's dream are but the outward manifestations of the inward desires for the unattainable. It is in the erection of such buildings as this that the fraternity hopes to unify and typify itself, massive, enduring, mysterious, and free.

"And thus it is that Freemasonry, typifying the idea of the magnificent in architecture, responds to its critics who have said that it was useless, that it engendered a great waste of time, and that its jewels, forms, and ceremonies have sprung from vain minds. We declare that those forms and ceremonies have sprung from the very philosophy of nature. Where is the man so utilitarian, so poor in the riches of a perfect soul as to be blind to the external beauties of the natural world, and insensible to the charms that cover and adorn the whole earth? Who will arraign the lily, which challenged comparison with Solomon, and ask the use of such velvet texture and varied coloring in the wilds of the valley? Who will question the delicate hues of the violet, and dispute the use of all such plants as take root but to show their beauty and die? A being of such mental poverty would excite our pity. While all our symbols typify the beautiful, all of them are utilitarian. They have been beneficial and helpful to its members during the dark times of idolatry and superstition. During the wars of the ages, individuals have had their lives spared, have been relieved by brethren in the uniform and dress of enemies, have extended charity to all mankind, and in all nations everywhere have been in the forefront of the battle for freedom."

A picture of Grand Master Charles N. Mikels precedes the main portion of these Proceedings. He is a wide-awake, energetic looking gentleman, and quite young looking to be clothed with so distinguished an honor. But they do strange things in that energetic Hoosier state, and men rise to greatness there with rapid strides.

The opening of the Grand Lodge was attended by a full roster of the Grand Officers and by eighteen Past Grand Masters.

Reporting from the condition of the craft in Indiana, the Grand Master says in his annual address:

"It is very gratifying to me to be able to report that peace and harmony now prevail, that no known discord, contention, or strife exists among the 534 lodges, that to the 47,353 Masons in good standing on January 1, 1907, there has been added, after all deductions were made, 2,758, making a total membership of 50,111. When we take into consideration that this great army of Masons is not confined to one locality or community, but well distributed throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that no county of the ninety-two of this great state of Indiana is without a Masonic lodge, we may well feel proud and congratulate ourselves on having one Mason for every fifty of the two and one-half millions of people within the borders of our state."

During the year ten corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge—two Masonic buildings, three schools, two court houses, one library, one city hall, and one county asylum.

Under the head of decisions we are pleased to quote the following:

"Lodges have no authority, under existing Grand Lodge regulations, to entertain a motion and vote to attend church in a body on Sunday, and do so, although the members are not clothed as Masons and do not have in the procession as it moves to the church any of the working tools or paraphernalia of the lodge. Public processions or celebrations by lodges on Sunday, except funerals, are prohibited."

This is the third decision of a like nature which we have so far run across in our review of Grand Lodge Proceedings, the Grand Masters of Illinois and Alabama having rendered decisions to the same effect.

The reason given by Grand Master Bragg, however, will appeal to many as novel.

We believe that the real reason underlying such a decision is that such an attendance of any one denominational or sectarian church (and they are nearly every one of them denominational or sectarian in one sense) by a Masonic lodge in a body to a certain extent at least puts the order's seal of approval upon the particular religious creed or doctrine promulgated by that church. This inevitably leads to dissention and disruption, and tends to destroy the peace and harmony of which we so proudly boast as being prevalent among the members of our order.

Grand Master Bragg inaugurated a unique plan for saving himself useless bother and trouble during the year of his administration by addressing a circular letter to the officers of the subordinate lodges of his Grand Jurisdiction, and instructing them as to some of the important laws, rules, and regulations of the order relating to matters of jurisdiction, residence, initiation, conferring of degrees, conducting of official correspondence, the office of the Grand Inspector as to instruction in and exemplification of the work, the matter of the collection of dues, and put in italics in his letter the following statement: "Masonic law cannot be set aside by special dispensation."

It strikes us that if he had added to this letter a warning that he would answer no questions concerning the law of the order until the brethren had first assured him that they had been unable to find the answer in the printed Masonic laws of his state, and had also ordered the Masters to read and familiarize themselves with this law, that he would have spared himself even more annoyance during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is a most excellent production, covering over two hundred pages, and is the work of Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald, who for ten years last past has been the compiler of these reports.

Down in the Hoosier State they call this report the "Annual Masonic Review," which in our opinion is a much more suitable and fitting title than the one we give to the same work.

He devotes three and one-half pages to the state of Iowa, commenting upon Grand Master Cleveland's struggle with the full moon schedule and sympathizing with him, for the reason that Indiana has 257 lodges which regulate their stated meetings by the variations of "the pale and fickle moon." He writes:

"It doesn't seem to be a matter of very great importance, except to the lodges immediately concerned, and if they are satisfied to have their meetings take place with reference to the full moon in each month, we outside barbarians have no right to object."

Brother McDonald devotes the last few pages of his report to a department entitled "Masonic and other Poetry," and we believe that this is a very commendable departure and that it would be a good plan for each reviewer in each Grand Jurisdiction to do the same thing. For in this way we could collect together some very fine poetic gems illustrative of the teachings of the order.

One of these poems we take pleasure in copying here:

"IF WE ONLY UNDERSTOOD.

"Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should,
We should love each other better,
If we only understood.

"Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the while we loath the sin;
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

"If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim, eternal roughness
Seem—I wonder—just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder,
Should we pity where we blame?

"Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grain of good;
And we'd love each other better,
If we only understood."

Indian Territory.

Most Worshipful Henry Lowndes Muldrow, Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Joseph Samuel Murrow, Grand Secretary.
Worshipful T. C. Humphry, Committee on Correspondence.
Next Annual Communication, McAlester, February 9, 1909.

The Grand Master takes up the larger part of the opening portion of his address in telling the ancient legend of Hafaz, the Egyptian. It is a beautiful story in its way, but rather tinged with melancholy born of the writer's hard life.

During the year two corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge. One of a church, and the other of a school house.

In his decisions the Grand Master decided that a man with a stiff knee was not eligible to the degrees in Masonry.

We happen to know a man with a stiff knee who was initiated into our own lodge, and has made one of the best Masons it has ever been our privilege to meet anywhere.

A movement is on foot for the consolidation of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory with the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, the consolidated lodge to be known as the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. It will be interesting to note how the brethren got around some of the difficulties which lay in the way of affecting this consolidation without disturbing the peace and harmony of the craft, and we set forth here a portion of the report of the committee showing how this object was accomplished:

“That in organizing the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma the officers, both elective and appointive, shall alternate, according to rank, between the present jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory.

“That said convention shall be composed of the members of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, present at said communication, and the members of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, present at said communication, the representatives in said convention having the same vote, voice, and rights that they had in their respective Grand Lodges.

“That the Past Grand Officers of the two present Grand Jurisdictions shall be Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, with like privileges and honors as they now enjoy in their respective jurisdictions.

“That the present elective officers of each Grand Lodge and the Past Masters in each Grand Jurisdiction shall be members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma.

“That each of the present Grand Jurisdictions shall retain their present esoteric work, and a Grand Lecturer in each jurisdiction to disseminate the same, until the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma provides otherwise.

“That the subordinate lodges in each Grand Jurisdiction shall retain their present charters, as a matter of history, and new charters shall be issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, which new charters shall recite the facts which necessitated the issuing of the same.

“That where two lodges bear the same name the one first instituted shall retain said name, unless such lodges by agreement provide otherwise.”

The struggle that was experienced by the members of the Grand Lodge which surrendered its name and title, and the charity and self-sacrifice that was manifested by the brethren in order to bring about the consolidation, is well set forth in the following passage from the report of this committee:

“To those of us who had been laboring with all our energies for thirty-five years to build up the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and had seen our labors crowned with great success in the establishment of a Grand Lodge that stands equal to any other in the world in growth and good character, it was awful hard to consent that the

identity of the dear old Grand Body should be lost and after a noble life of thirty-five years begin life over again with the first annual communication of the united body to be numbered one, and so on. Fifteen years ago the lodges in the Oklahoma Territory seceded from us of their own free will and accord, and even contrary to our wish and will. Now, instead of returning to us and taking their original place with us, they ask that we disband and form a new Grand Body in union with them. It was more than some of us could bear, but when the report was read it was immediately adopted as a whole with a whoop and a yell, almost unanimously. Of course those of us whose hearts were broken were compelled to yield to the will of the majority. Our prayer is that God will bless the new Grand Lodge and make it a great power for good to Masonry and to humanity."

During the year eleven new lodges were chartered.

The annual oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, William Henry Talmage. From this oration we copy the following passages as being well worth quotation:

"No Mason is truly a master until he has caught some idea of the imperfect condition of human society and of the world, and its need of his endeavors. Not until he hears the wail of the hungry, 'Come feed us,' of the ignorant, 'Come teach us,' of the slaves of Mammon, 'Come liberate us,' of the affairs of government, 'Come purify us.' Not until he sees dishonesty, injustice, hypocrisy, and the whole herd of hellish swine befouling the skirts of innocence and virtue and feels impelled to rush upon and destroy them, when the clear vision of the needs of a race and a world flash upon him and a yearning comes to help Godward the conditions closely surrounding him; then, and not until then, does he receive 'word' from the Master. Not until he is in this attitude is he ready to 'travel' in a country foreign to himself and do effective, immortal 'work.'

"Primitive, bloodthirsty savages, whose supreme aim in fighting, as Carlyle says, 'is to get scalps,' and the money-mad savages of our day who fight that they may get money—out of such came no nobleness, or ever will. The sum total of all such victories is blood, tears, and woe. A ghastly trail marks the wake of such miscalculating souls.

"Behold this fact, I pray, and consider in the sight of God. What profits it thee, brother, if thou gain a million dollars and hide them safely away like scalps in a wigwam? If they are all the prizes of life you can show at the close, if they remain the richest treasures of your earthly pilgrimage, I value them not, and as little do I value the work of your life. Dipping his torch in the fires of eternity the just angel of judgment will at last write across all such squandered lives the ominous word, 'dastard.' The Master Mason has never received the Master's 'word' who spends his days in quest of those trivialities which center alone in himself, and especially the ministering to his body of flesh."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of Brother T. C. Humphry, who devotes a couple of pages to reviewing the Proceedings of the Iowa Grand Lodge session held at Clinton in 1907. He says of the report of Past Grand Master Charles C. Clark on Fraternal Correspondence: "It covers one hundred and seventy-three pages, and is a review of the doings of fifty-three jurisdictions. A few lines will show that the brother is handy with his pen, and his report stamps him as a writer of ability."

We would suggest to Grand Secretary Murrow that there is evidently something wrong with the proof-reader who read the proof on these Proceedings.

We had supposed that prohibition was in force in Indian Territory, or rather what is now the new state of Oklahoma, but some of the spelling which we have found in this volume of Proceedings makes us question whether the prohibitory law is as vigorously enforced in that state as it might be.

It may be, however, that the compositor who worked on this job has some original ideas as to spelling and is purposing to set them in force by beginning his reformatory work with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the Indian Territory.

Kansas.

Most Worshipful Fred Washbon, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

Matthew M. Miller, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Hutchinson, February 16, 1910.

Who said "God help Kansas?" When it comes to getting out a volume of Grand Lodge Proceedings Kansas certainly does not need any help, for one of the best arranged, most neatly printed, and artistically bound volumes of Proceedings which it has been our experience to review comes from Kansas.

We are especially pleased with the portraits with which the volume is illustrated, and congratulate our brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction in having a Secretary who knows how to turn out something in the book line that reflects great credit upon his Grand Lodge.

The illustration on the title page is that of Henry F. Mason, Grand Master for 1908, and reveals the features of a shrewd, genial gentleman of great force of character. We feel sure that his genial smile and eye, that seems to be constantly kindling with good humor, have made him friends wherever he has gone. A good big nose, a well moulded and well cut mouth, and a square, resolute chin show us that he can be very firm with all of his kindness.

The Fifty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at Wichita with a most eloquent and inspiring prayer delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Charles H. Rogers. A full roster of Grand Officers attended, including eleven Past Grand Masters.

In his annual address the Grand Master congratulated his brethren in the following words:

"The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the order throughout this jurisdiction. The net gain in membership during

1908 was 1,604, making the total on December 31, 32,072. Mere increase in numbers is not in itself to be regarded as a test of the welfare or progress of the institution. It is, however, an indication that interest in the order is well maintained. But, judged by any criterion, the history of Masonry in Kansas for the past twelve months is a source of gratification from whatever angle it may be viewed. No want of harmony has developed in any quarter save in a very few instances, where, however, the unpleasant manifestation has been confined strictly within the limits of the particular lodge in which it originated. I take no credit to myself for this satisfactory state of affairs, but I do see in it the result of the prudence, vigilance, and resourcefulness displayed by my predecessors in the office I now hold."

You will note that his ability is equalled only by his modesty.

Among his decisions the following may be of interest to the craft at large:

"The fact that a member has been convicted of a public offense in the state courts does not in and of itself constitute a ground for charges against him, but is such strong evidence of his guilt of the wrongful act forming the basis of his conviction as ordinarily to be practically conclusive against him."

It appeals to us as a carefully worded and correct statement of the rule that should govern such cases.

Kansas adopted a cipher ritual, sending four copies to each subordinate lodge, and dispensed with their Board of Custodians by constitutional amendment. We cannot help but feel that this adoption of a cipher ritual is a sad mistake, in that it lowers the dignity and importance of correct ritualistic work in the minds of the brethren and has a tendency to put the Masonic fraternity down on the level with other secret societies who use a printed ritual.

The more printed rituals there are extant, be they in plain print or in cipher, the more danger there is of a revelation of the mysteries of Masonry to the profane. It does not take very long for a bright man to decipher the most carefully prepared cipher. Besides when the Masonic order adopts a written ritual it is compelled to abandon the claim to an unwritten, secret ritual transmitted from brother to brother down the ages by spoken word alone.

In this connection the following quotation from the address of the Grand Master of Kansas may be of use to the craft as containing a lot of interesting information:

"In twenty-four of these jurisdictions Grand Lecturers have charge of the work, usually performing it without assistance; they are: Alabama, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Idaho, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Vermont, Nova Scotia, Oklahoma, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; Massachusetts and Louisiana have each two. In nine cases they are elected by the Grand Lodge, and in fifteen appointed by the Grand Master; the term of service being one year, except in a single instance, where it is ten. Some of them are paid a salary by the Grand Lodge, varying from a

merely nominal amount in several states to \$1,800 a year, besides expenses, in California (in New York the Grand Lecturer receives \$2,400 a year and \$1,000 for expenses, but is not classified here because he works under a Board of Custodians); others are paid on a per diem basis by the local lodges; occasionally the methods are combined; still others serve without compensation. Three other states have substantially the same system, although in two of them, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the officer is called an instructor, and in the third, Indiana, an inspector. In Wyoming the work is in charge of the Grand Master, and in Montana of the Grand Secretary. In eleven states Custodians are maintained, although not always called by that name: Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah. They are generally elected or appointed in rotation for a term of years. Various other methods are in vogue, the work being entrusted in five instances to District Deputies, in others to several Lecturers, by districts or otherwise, and in one—Illinois—to five Grand Examiners and 160 Grand Lecturers."

The annual oration was delivered by Brother Elrick C. Cole, who spoke very eloquently upon the subject: "Let There be Light." We quote the following fine passages from this oration, and are particularly pleased with the parts which we have *italicized*:

"And yet, O modern seeker after light, mistake not. It was not the pillar of cloud and fire which led the myriad hosts of Israel that gave the true light; nor yet the sacred flame which burned upon the altar of the Temple and whose smoke ascended as the robed priests bowed in adoration. Not in the lightning flash which blinded Saul of Tarsus, not in the flame which wrapped the mortal body of Savonarola and left his name emblazoned on the scroll of earth's truly great. These, these were not the true light. Not even Thou, O blessed Star of Bethlehem, whose wondrous beauty has brightened the annals of time for lo these twenty centuries; Thou whose coming the angels foretold and whose beams grow brighter with each oncoming cycle of time. Not even Thou are the true light. These, all these, are but the symbols of that true light, even as the seeker after Masonic light is taught that he perceives the three great lights of Masonry by the aid of the *representatives* of the three lesser. Learn, then, this portion of truth. *From the time when out of darkness and chaos the voice of the Infinite smote the stygian blackness of ignorance and drove back the clouds of superstition with the command, 'Let there be light!' until now, that command has ever been addressed to the individual soul and stands as a call to seek for the true light within. With every sunrise comes anew the pillar of cloud, and, with his departing rays, the pillar of fire; the flame between the cherubim and the wondrous light of that sweet Star of Bethlehem, enforcing the command for each new day to every human being, 'Let there be light.'*

"Do not mistake me, however. Because in themselves they are not the true light, I would not banish the symbols; I would not strike from the sacred history the pillar of cloud and of fire, the Star of Bethlehem and the brightness which surrounded Saul of Tarsus, no more than I would banish from the life of any child the beautiful thought of Santa Claus or from the memory of every toiler on life's journey the evening song about the hearthstone or the lullaby which soothed his baby fears and comes again to strengthen and encourage the faltering moments of his mature manhood in the battle of life. *But out of the symbol and the teaching I would forge the thought,*

sentient with life and vigor, that these things are to make light within. Do not worry about the hereafter. Man's truest heaven is in each day's existence, where, lost in deeds of kindness to his fellow-man, he grasps the noblest impulses of life, and through the mighty, onward sweep of years feels his heart beat in unison with God.

"In the world's record of non-sectarian societies there is none named whose teachings give greater opportunities for light to humanity than Ancient Craft Masonry. About her altars the strictest Jew, the Mohammedan, the follower of Confucius, clasp hands with the believer in Christ, and there is no note of discord. Surely, with such a catholicity of sentiment, the order has a world-wide field. Let us not presume that we of this day and age have exhausted her teachings. Not even he upon whose shoulders the purple of the order has been worthily placed for many years has sounded the depths of knowledge or reached a full understanding of her precepts. The system of morals which has engaged with profit the minds of so many sages will yet yield still greater light, even as the diamond flashes out its brilliant rays after lying beneath the rubbish for years, when the hour and the man arrives."

It is the reading of such beautiful passages as these that make us regret that the custom of having an annual oration is not followed in our own Grand Lodge.

We feel that entirely too much attention is paid to attaining perfection in the letter of the ritual, and far too little to the business of making plain the helpful and inspiring teaching and philosophy that everywhere underlies that letter.

We believe that only by laying constant emphasis upon the fact that the ritual hides and conceals a most beautiful and inspiring philosophy, and that it is the duty of every Mason, by study and careful research, as well as by thoughtful discussion among his brethren, to bring these treasures forth to the light, that it is by these processes alone that the ritual keeps its hold upon the hearts of men and is prevented from becoming a dry and withered branch from which the living sap has long ago evaporated, its blossoms faded into the gruesome gray of death, and the aroma of its spirit lost upon the desert air.

We can never preserve the ritual by letting it become an empty chrysallis from which the butterfly has flown. To remain effective it must continue forever to glow like the filament in an electric lamp with the magnificent light of inward truth. As things too often go, the ritual remains for too many Masons a mere jargon of empty, meaningless words. To many Masons it never means anything more than a complicated system of fraternal recognition. To the thoughtful Mason, on the contrary, its use as a secret membership test is the cheapest to which it can be put. For he comes by careful and thoughtful study to know that the words which may at first appear to be lifeless and meaningless are packed full to overflowing with life and force and inspiring power. We need one another's help to enable us to rescue these treasures from the depths in which they are buried. We need the sympathetic assistance of thoughtful, eloquent brethren to open our eyes that we may see, and

unstop our ears that we may hear. We believe that the work of the Grand Orator is very largely that of a prophet who brings a new revelation, a revelation that we sorely need to keep our Masonry from becoming meaningless.

For these reasons we must congratulate the Grand Lodges who are fortunate enough to have included in their annual program an oration by a good, true, and thoughtful man and Mason.

During the year eight new lodges were chartered, and the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia were accorded fraternal recognition.

The Grand Lodge deferred the granting of recognition to the following bodies, for the reason that the information furnished as the basis therefor was unsatisfactory and insufficient:

“Grand Lodge of State of New Leon, United Grand Lodge of the Federal District, Grand Lodge Cosmos of the State of Chihuahua, Grand Lodge of Chile, Grand Orient of Brazil, Grand Orient of the Republic of Paraguay, Grand Orient of Italy, Grand Lodge of Sweden, Grand Lodge of Norway, Grand Lodge of Denmark, Grand Orient of Greece, Grand Lodge of the Republic of Guatemala, Grand Orient of Belgium, Grand Lodge of Salvador, Grand Lodge Swiss Alpina.”

The Report of the Committee on Necrology was made by Brother Bertine P. Walker. His closing words are beautiful enough to be deserving quotation. He finished by saying:

“Thus we close. These brief words seem such scant tribute when measured to our losses. They are as inadequate to paint the picture in its true colors as are the pebbles picked along the beach to tell the story of the wonders of the boundless ocean. The memory of those who are not with us this year should teach us to tune the lyre of our memories oftener. In the rush and turmoil of the mart and forum we are so prone to forget until we hear the tolling of the funeral bell. We should not keep all our flowers for the grave. Hand one out occasionally to the brother we meet in the pathways of everyday life. The frail body soon returns to the dreamless dust, but virtue and vows kept unsullied by the world will grow brighter and brighter as the years lengthen, until the universe shall marvel at the beauty of our speculative temple. Then, like those who have gone before us, we can ‘wrap the drapery of our couch about us and lie down to pleasant dreams.’”

Kansas has a unique body in what is known as the Association of Past Grand Masters. This body met at Wichita on the evening before the day on which the Grand Lodge was called to order, and accepted Grand Master Mason as one of its members, and listened to a paper on the subject of the “Ancient Landmarks,” by Brother Miller. We cannot quite figure out what Brother Miller is driving at in this paper. We certainly hope that he is not endeavoring to show that a belief in a Trinity is a part of the essential religious beliefs of a Mason.

It may be, as he says, that “the London body eliminated, or thought they eliminated, everything from the creed of Masonry but a

deistical belief, a belief in God the Creator, Father, Supreme Ruler of the Universe, a belief that the soul is immortal." But whether they did or not, we cannot help feeling that this is all that a Masonic lodge has a right to call upon its members to believe. It should let it go at that. For the moment it begins to insist upon a belief in "Trinity," "Transubstantiation," "Salvation by faith," "Foreordination," "Infant damnation," or any other theological technicality, it is headed straight for trouble.

Brother Miller in his said paper speaks often of "Triune God." If it were necessary that we should believe in this thing, whatever it may be, it would read us out of the order, as the words are utterly incomprehensible to us, and the word "Triune" itself a contradiction in terms.

We happen to belong to the gentiles ourselves, but yet we cannot help feeling that this insistence on a belief in a Triune Deity is a little rough on our Israelitish brethren.

Suppose the "old fellows" *did* believe in a Trinity in the early part of the eighteenth century. Is that any reason why we of the twentieth century should be tied down to a belief in a something or other that as far as we are concerned must forever remain an empty and meaningless phrase?

We believe that our own Iowa Code has the only true solution of the entire matter so far as the religious qualifications of a candidate are concerned, and it reads as follows:

"SECTION 117. QUALIFICATIONS.—The qualifications for an initiate are: Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, Charity (Love) towards all mankind."

We believe that every thinking man can cry amen to this statement; that these are truths that are universally accepted, but that if we have the unity and universality of our order at heart, we should not provoke dissention among the brethren by insisting on anything more than an allegiance to these simple, essential, fundamental principles, no matter what the ancient manuscripts of the seventeenth or eighteenth centuries may claim to the contrary. Otherwise, the altar of Masonry will no longer remain a shrine at which the Christian, the Jew, the Mohammedan, the Zoroastrian, as well as men of other faiths, may meet and worship as members of a common brotherhood.

We believe that it is the aim and purpose of our order to bring men together, to teach them toleration for one another, and to bring to pass that dream of the ages known as the Brotherhood of Man. But this can never be achieved by insisting upon the particular theological tenets of any religious sect, be that sect Christian or otherwise. We feel that in the eyes of Masonry one religion is as good as another so long as a belief in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the human soul underlies and supports its creed, whatever that creed may otherwise teach.

Brother Matthew M. Miller turns out his usual fine Report on Fraternal Correspondence, this time giving us 167 pages of marvelously interesting matter, of which a complete index is by no means the least important part.

We wish that every brother in our Grand Jurisdiction could have a copy of this report. It is one of the best written it has been our pleasure to peruse. Brother Miller has a keen and incisive wit, is a vigorous defender of propositions that appeal to him, and writes, as a rule, upon an exalted plain, and yet withall without letting his feet drift from their solid foundation upon the ancient rock of common sense.

He devotes a couple of pages of his report to Iowa, saying that the portrait of Grand Master Hunter indicates "a man of strong character and ability, which his address to Grand Lodge fully substantiates." Speaking of our Report on Fraternal Correspondence, by Past Grand Master Fellows, he says that it "is creditable, concise, and courteous." He comments at length upon Brother Fellows' report in a very appreciative spirit.

Kentucky.

Most Worshipful Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful H. B. Grant, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful William W. Clarke, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Louisville, October 19, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings is one of the most interesting we have had occasion to review. On the opening page we find an "authorized design for a Past Master's jewel," together with an accurate description of the same. We commend the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in fixing this design by proper resolution, for in our own Grand Jurisdiction we have so many varieties of Past Grand Master's jewels that we think it has just about come to lose its original Masonic significance.

On the next page we find the illustration of a prize medal awarded to Callie Williams, of Hazard Lodge, No. 676, Perry county, and Charles T. Bonny, of J. D. Hamilton Lodge, No. 578, Madison county, for the highest average in scholarship and deportment, 1907-1908. The medal is a handsome one, having upon it on one side an image of Hiram Bassett stamped in relief, surrounded by the words: "Hiram Bassett Memorial Prize," and on the reverse side is inscribed the words: "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky for superior scholarship and deportment."

We are unable to find any further information about the awarding of this medal in this volume of the Proceedings, but we take it for

granted that this medal was awarded to two Masonic orphans, a girl and a boy, who were cared for and educated in the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home which is maintained by the Masons of Kentucky at———. And we are satisfied that they will preserve these medals as precious treasures to the end of their days.

Portraits of Henry P. Barrett, Grand Master 1907-1908, and Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master 1908-1909, accompany the Proceedings and exhibit to us the faces of two fine, noble men.

Masonry in Kentucky is certainly prospering, for in his annual address the Grand Master says:

"From all quarters comes the almost unvarying report from the lodges of increased membership, enhanced interest in all things Masonic, and that peace and harmony universally prevail. I am also delighted to report to you that nothing has happened to disturb the comity heretofore enjoyed between this Grand Lodge and its sister Grand Lodges of the United States."

Among his decisions is one affecting the ministers of the gospel. It seems that in Kentucky they have a provision of the Constitution that provides that lodges may exempt ministers of the gospel and of the Jewish faith, who are wholly engaged as such, from the payment of lodge dues, and the Grand Master decided that the fact that it was necessary for them to supplement their meagre salaries in other ways would be no bar from being declared free members of the lodge. This decision was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and the committee, while it approved the decision "as suggestive as to what might, and probably should be, the standard," it still held that the making of ministers of the gospel free members must be done by vote of the lodge, and that without such vote the Grand Master could not exempt the ministers from the payment of dues; that the lodge alone is the judge of the qualification of a minister for free membership.

We certainly think that the conclusion reached by the committee was a wise one, for the fact that a man is a minister of the gospel does not also prove that he is made of the right stuff, or that he is entitled to charitable exemptions. For our own part, we have never been able to see what reason there exists for the creation of a privileged class in Masonry composed of "ministers of the gospel." In our eyes, one Mason is as good as another, be he a minister or not. We do not think the worthiness of a brother depends at all upon his calling in life, but rather upon whether he is an upright man, and a good and true Mason. A man's profession is not going to change his inherent nature or his peculiar individual personality, be that good or bad. And the amount of consideration to which he is entitled should depend entirely upon what sort of a fellow he is, and how he behaves and conducts himself, and not upon the mere accident of his business or profession.

A minister who behaves himself is no better than any other man who does the same thing; but a minister whose life and conduct are

not what they ought to be, has a more injurious effect upon the morals of his community than that of other men, simply because he poses and pretends to be a paragon of virtue, when in fact he is not.

We cannot help but feel that simple honesty and square dealing is the foundation stone of all religion, and that there is no vice quite so contemptible and disgusting as that of hypocrisy. If a minister is poor and needy and cannot pay his dues, then they should be paid for him simply because he is a brother in need of help, and not because he is a minister.

It looks very strange to us to find some brethren shouting from the house-tops that Masonry is not a religious institution or organization, and at the same time finding these same brethren selecting ministers of the gospel as a favored and privileged class and conferring especial favors upon them.

“A prince can mak a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, and a’ that;
But an honest man’s aboon his might—
Guid faith, he mauna fa’ that!
For a’ that, and a’ that;
The pith o’ sense, and pride o’ worth,
Are higher ranks than a’ that.

“Then let us pray that come it may—
As come it will for a’ that—
That sense and worth, o’er a’ the earth,
May bear the gree, and a’ that.
For a’ that, and a’ that,
It’s coming yet for a’ that—
When man to man, the world o’er,
Shall brothers be for a’ that!”

If a minister of the gospel wants to be a brother he should be willing to meet upon the level with the rest of us, and gladly acknowledge his common clay. It would seem to us that a true minister of proper spirit would spurn the tender and offer of these petty favors.

There is, however, one bright spot in this “special legislation,” and that is that according to the Constitution of Kentucky the Jewish Rabbi is given equal recognition with the Christian minister. That, at least, is a saving feature.

During the year the Grand Master granted twelve dispensations to form new lodges, and faithfully did his duty by refusing all requests for permission to confer degrees out of time. We know that it is sometimes hard to deny these petitions, and we respect all the more the Grand Master who stands faithfully at his post and uniformly does his unpleasant duty in the interest of a better appreciation of the splendid teachings contained in our fine and noble degrees.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and the singing of “Nearer, my God, to Thee” by the Grand Lodge, after which the report was adopted by a rising vote. From this report we cull the following literary gems:

“Standing upon the eminence of the present and looking back over the year which has rolled into the scroll of time, thinking of those once so familiar in face and form, whose places are vacant today, and who will come no more forever, we are reminded that—

“As life runs on, the way grows strange
 With faces new, and near the end
 The milestones into headstones change,
 'Neath every one a friend.’

“The desire to remember and be remembered after death is innate with all mankind. No monument can be too magnificent, none too simple, and the humble headstone in the country graveyard speaks as eloquently as the elaborate tomb of the greatest of earth—each but the expression of the love and reverence of those left behind—and it is meet, therefore, that we, in whose hearts are treasured the virtues of our departed brothers, should keep their memories green, that they fade not from the recollection of man. For ‘there is a voice from the tomb sweeter than song; there is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charms of the living; these we would not exchange for the pleasure of the bursts of revelry.’

“Believing, as we do, that the spirit is immortal, and that the good and true who were dear to us have found in death the dawn of happiness and greater usefulness, yet our grief is none the less at their loss. And as sorrow makes all mankind akin, our hearts turn in loving sympathy to those upon whose lives rest a shadow of gloom and whose hearts are bowed down with woe unspeakable—the widows and orphans of the brothers who have been called to rest from their labors in that temple not made with hands—praying that the God of the fatherless and the widow’s God may be their comfort and shield.”

Nineteen new lodges were chartered, showing that the order is certainly growing in this state.

Through the efforts of the Grand Lodge a bill was passed by the Kentucky legislature making an appropriation of \$10,000 to be used for the restoration of the monument erected to the memory of Henry Clay, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky.

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Work:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky declines to adhere to, or to accept the statement made in the exemplification of the first degree that the sun ‘sets’ in the west.”

This looks to us like stirring up a tempest in a tea-pot. We are inclined to the opinion that the sun will do pretty much as he pleases regardless of the action of the Committee on Work. It would seem that the committee was of the same opinion, as it made no report at this session on the resolution.

Perhaps it is still setting on the question as to whether the sun sets or not. Meanwhile, as far as we have been able to observe, his majesty, the sun, has been regularly taking his seat in the west at the close of each day, and from past experience we are inclined to believe that he is not likely to surrender this ancient prerogative no matter what the report of the committee may be. We are satisfied with this state of affairs, because we fear it would upset things a little if he should change his mind and take his seat in the east.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported on fourteen different cases. Verily, things are lively and interesting in this state, where we are told that the Pure “Feud” Bill is quite popular.

In Iowa we call it the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, but in Kentucky they have a title for it which in our humble opinion is much more fitting and proper, for they call it the Committee on "Proceedings of Grand Lodges." And Brother William W. Clarke, Past Grand Master, styles himself as a "reporter." So far as we have been able to observe our so-called Iowa Committee on Foreign Correspondence has had precious little correspondence to do. His task has simply been to burn the midnight oil and con the story of Masonry as told by the printed Proceedings of the several Grand Jurisdictions, picking out the pith and substance of the same, and airing his own notions relating thereto.

Brother Clarke turns out a very fine report of 127 pages, commenting with great sagacity and literary ability. He devotes two pages to Iowa, and in the case of the young man who was bookkeeper for a brewery agrees with Grand Master Hunter, and not with the committee who turned him down. Somehow or other, we find that this decision of our Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence does not meet with favor among all the reporters of the round table, and personally we are inclined to stand by the round table and not by our own Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, realizing, of course, that what we have to say is of no force in establishing the law in this Grand Jurisdiction.

And speaking of the report of Brother Fellows, he says: "Brother Fellows is careful in his comments, for which reason they are the more valuable when made."

Of the annual address of Grand Master Hunter he says: "It is an excellent paper, dealing fully with the affairs of the jurisdiction."

Louisiana.

Most Worshipful L. E. Thomas, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Herman C. Duncan, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, New Orleans, February 7, 1910.

Among the best of the Grand Lodge Proceedings which it has been our privilege to review we find that of the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana.

The type is of good size, the paper of a substantial quality, and the entire volume is easy reading.

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication was opened at New Orleans on February 1, 1909, with a full staff of Grand Officers in attendance. The meeting was graced by the presence of only six Past Grand Masters, which seems to us a very small number in view of the age of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address is a fine piece of work, especially in view of the fact that it was written by the Senior Grand Warden, who was called upon to administer the affairs of this Grand Lodge because the Grand Master left the state on account of changed business relations after only five months of active service, and his departure was followed by the speedy and unlooked-for death of the Deputy Grand Master.

But Brother M. B. Null, as acting Grand Master, proved himself to be anything but a nullity and shouldered the burden thus suddenly thrown upon him and apparently walked off with it with ease. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana is to be congratulated upon its good fortune in having such a splendid man in office of Senior Grand Warden, ready to come to its rescue in such an emergency.

The Acting Grand Master has some important utterances to make on the subject of Cerneauism and clandestine Masonry in his state, and from his expressions on this subject we quote the following as of considerable interest to the craft at large:

"At the outset of the year the work of the order in the city of New Orleans was disturbed to some small extent by the attempted introduction of Cerneauism into the state, but the Grand Master, by prompt action predicated upon previous legislation by your Most Worshipful body in the year 1890, handled the proposition with little difficulty or friction, and it is safe to say that the peace and harmony of our different subordinate bodies will never again be threatened by its reappearance. I take pleasure in making a part of this report as an appendix, the circulars and papers in connection, and hope that you will give them due consideration and weight and approve the acts of your official head.

"It is proper to report in this connection that the person—a Master Mason, I am informed, in good standing in a lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication—whose name appears in these circulars, has taken personal exception to them on the ground that they contain references to him as a man which he considered 'libellous and defamatory,' and he has, on that theory, instituted a suit for damages in the modest sum of fifty thousand dollars against this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in the civil district court for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana.

"It is not my province to express an opinion in this regard. The case, of course, has to be defended, but I am advised that it need not be taken seriously.

"The Grand Master's acts are not the acts of the Grand Lodge until in terms approved by it.

"The Grand Lodge is not concerned with the particular verbiage or expression which the Grand Master employed in his communications to the Masons of this jurisdiction.

"His object manifestly was to inform the craft of this state that a body calling itself Masonic was endeavoring to establish itself in *this* jurisdiction; that that body had been declared by this Grand Lodge to be 'spurious and clandestine,' and that, therefore, any association with it by Master Masons under allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, would be deemed to be Masonic intercourse with a Mason or a body of Masons, in *this* jurisdiction, declared 'clandestine,' which would necessarily involve the penalty of expulsion from our lodges.

“Obviously it was, therefore, not only the Grand Master’s right, but his duty, to warn the craft under his jurisdiction.

“In considering, therefore, the action of the Grand Master in the premises, the Grand Lodge should limit itself to the expression of approval or disapproval to this scope and intent without reference to any foreign or personal comment not a part of the declaration of the law of this Grand Jurisdiction on the subject.

“As above stated, in my humble opinion, the Grand Master has correctly stated the law and attitude of this Grand Lodge as to the body or bodies which the person in question claimed to represent, and to that extent his action should be approved.

“After the publication of these circulars, a number of Master Masons—about twelve—members of city lodges, admitted, in response to the edict in that regard, that they had had Masonic communication with the party. The extent of it was not ascertained; but, in open lodge, the brethren declared their withdrawal and recantation. The Grand Master, according to his edicts, permitted the explanation to be accepted, condoned the offense, and so the ‘incident’ was closed.”

We want to congratulate Brother Null upon his prompt and decisive action in this connection.

Whenever this snake of Cerneauism sticks up its head it should be “scotched” at once.

During the year the question arose whether a candidate would have to be a completely naturalized citizen of the United States before he could be admitted to the order, and in the case of a candidate who had declared his intention of becoming a citizen the Acting Grand Master ruled as follows:

“I ruled that, since the declaration had been made, the applicant was to all intents and purposes a citizen of the United States, and that the petition could be properly received and acted upon. The law governing admissions simply states that the applicant must have been a resident of the state for twelve months previously, and that the application must be placed with the lodge nearest his place of residence, it being understood that this must be the permanent place of abode and the legal domicile of the petitioner.”

And we may say here that this ruling has our hearty endorsement. If there is anything that will assist in making a candidate for complete citizenship a good American citizen it is the teaching of the Masonic fraternity.

In another case a brother had been tried by the lodge for an offense and had failed of conviction, and then, upon trial before the courts, had confessed his guilt. The lodge asked if they had the right to try the offending brother a second time. The Grand Master ruled that they had, “for the reason that the brother had evidently pleaded not guilty before the lodge in order to secure a trial, and depending upon the leniency of his brethren. By doing so he had very evidently told an untruth and had been guilty of a Masonic offense, because he went before the courts directly after and pleaded guilty so as to obtain a light sentence. In any instance, as a convicted felon on his own statement, he has no place in the fraternity.”

We hardly know what to think about this decision. Looking at it from one point of view, an acquittal at the end of a Masonic trial should be an acquittal for all time. And yet it would be rather hard to apply such a rule to circumstances like those in the present case.

It does seem to us that it would have been wiser if the lodge had waited for the civil courts to act before instituting its lodge trial, especially if the lodge knew that a trial before the courts had been begun, or would in all probability be begun. However, it is a hard question.

With regard to the proposition of the universality of Masonry and the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana adopted the following ringing resolution:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons that friendly and fraternal efforts should be made to bring into one perfect union of harmony, concord, and fraternal recognition all Grand Lodges of the world, organized and constituted in accordance with the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry, wherever the principles of morality, brotherly love, relief and truth, and the brotherhood of man are taught and inculcated, without reference to particular forms, rituals, or ceremonies of introduction, and a due observance of the ancient charges and landmarks of the fraternity are made obligatory and constantly practiced.”

We would commend the reading of this resolution to Brother E. T. D. Chambers, Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who says that the doctrine of the universality of Masonry “forms no part of either the written or unwritten law of the fraternity,” but is only “a pure matter of sentiment, as idle and as mawkish as it is unreasonable and unnecessary.”

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Germany, and fraternal recognition was accorded to the Eclectic Grand Lodge of Frankfort-on-the-Main; the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin; Grand Lodge “Royal York,” of Prussia; the Grand Lodge of Saxony; the Grand Countries Lodges, at Berlin; the Grand Lodge “of the Sun,” at Beyruth; the Grand Lodge “Zur Eintracht,” of Hesse, at Darmstadt; the Grand Lodge of Sweden; the Grand Lodge of Norway; the Grand Lodge of Denmark; the Grand Lodge Symbolic of Hungary; the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, at the Hague; the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico; the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico; the Grand Lodge of Oaxaca; the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon; the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua; the Grand Lodge of San Salvador, and the Grand Lodge of Chile.

It would seem from this that the brethren of Louisiana are determined to carry out in their conduct the sentiment contained in the resolution above quoted.

The Grand Lodge, however, withdrew its fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, on account of the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas by said

Mexican Grand Lodge, and it refused to recognize the Grand Orient of the Republic of Argentine, and the Grand Orient of Uruguay, deferring action on these until after further investigation by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

With reference to the removal of the Grand Master from the state, the Grand Lodge accepted his resignation and relieved him from further duty, with the proviso that this action had the effect of depriving him of the honors which result from his installation, and which would belong to him if he had served out the term for which he was installed.

We believe that the ruling is just and fair.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence made an extended report on the subject of the effort of certain clandestine Scottish Rite bodies to attempt the establishment of Scottish Rite bodies in the jurisdiction of Louisiana. Believing this report to be of vital interest, and in view of the fact that it was adopted by the Grand Lodge, we set it out here in full:

"Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence beg to submit this report on that part of the Acting Grand Master's address, reporting the action of Most Worshipful Grand Master J. C. Drew, in regard to the attempt of one M. W. Bayliss to organize Scottish Rite bodies in this state, under an alleged Supreme Council of the United States of America, etc., as follows:

"Your committee is of the opinion that the recommendation of the Acting Grand Master on the action of Most Worshipful Grand Master J. C. Drew in so far as his circulars of March 14th, 24th, and April 23d state correctly the law of this jurisdiction in regard to the bodies, which the committee is informed said M. W. Bayliss intended and attempted to establish in this state, as well as to the penalty necessarily falling on any Master Mason who owes allegiance to this Grand Lodge, as a consequence of accepting such alleged degrees, or joining such bodies should be approved.

"Your committee take cognizance of the fact that in his petition, filed in the civil district court for the parish of Orleans, suing this Grand Lodge for damages, said M. W. Bayliss declares that he was 'trying to establish in this city and state (New Orleans, La.) certain "Scottish Rite bodies" of which he (said Bayliss) is the head,' which fact, further proved by the action of a number of B. B., who confessed and recanted, show that the necessity existed for the warning which was sent out to the brethren of the jurisdiction.

"Since some time in 1858, when dissension in Scottish Rite ranks in this state were terminated by union of various Scottish Rite bodies, accepting a renewed charter, as the Grand Consistory of the Thirty-second Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite from the Supreme Council of said Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge has recognized said Grand Consistory and its subordinate bodies, and the said Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction as the lawful governing bodies of the Rite in this state, and, therefore, logically, every other body is as to this jurisdiction clandestine.

"In 1885 this Grand Lodge approved the following from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Most Worshipful Brother J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman:

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has long since declared what is Masonry, and what are Masonic bodies. Of course, all or any body

not recognized by her as true and legitimate is not Masonic; and if claimed by the peddlers of such wares as Masonic, must stand stamped as spurious, irregular, and clandestine. So, brothers in Louisiana, beware! Touch not the unclean things, not recognized by the Grand Lodge as Masonic. Have nothing to do with them, for the consequence must necessarily be expulsion.' (Foreign Correspondence, 1885, page 111.)

"And in the same year, this Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution (Proceedings of 1885, page 224):

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has exercised the right and claims that it is her duty, as well as that of every other Grand Lodge, as the foundation and basis of all Freemasonry, to ascertain and declare what institution or bodies claiming to be Masonic or calling themselves Masonic, are really Masonry, and if of the true body of Masonry, or fraudulent, spurious, or clandestine, and to warn the craft of Louisiana against such as are not legitimate and true, even by prohibitive edicts, if necessary.'

"In the 'circular' communication of April 23, 1908, the Most Worshipful Grand Master recites at length the action of this Grand Lodge in 1890, on the subject of Cerneau Masonry, wherein it is distinctly declared that it has ever been held 'illegitimate' and not to be recognized by this Grand Lodge as 'regular Masonry.'

"This committee approves the prompt action taken by the Grand Master to ascertain the extent to which said M. W. Bayliss may have succeeded in obtaining followers, or adherents to him, or his bodies by directing the Worshipful Masters of Lodges to summon the membership for that purpose.

"We approve of the conclusion (or fact) with which he warned the craft of the consequences of joining the Bayliss bodies, which must necessarily impose the penalty of expulsion.

"In this he only carried out the law and will of the fraternity of this jurisdiction as expressed in the resolutions of 1885, above quoted.

"We approve of the opportunity he afforded the B. B., who unfortunately had violated our laws, to allow the offense to be condoned by voluntary confession and renunciation of allegiance to the illegal body.

"And we recommend that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge approve this report and the action of the Grand Master in the premises, in so far as said circulars state the law of the case; the clandestine character of the bodies claimed to be represented by said M. W. Bayliss and the warnings given out and conditions imposed on those who had 'Masonic intercourse' with him in regard to the unlawful intent to establish 'bodies' in this jurisdiction.

"We are informed by the petition in the suit for damages above referred to that Mr. Bayliss claims that the Grand Master wrongfully libelled him in using the terms bogus, spurious, irregular, and clandestine, and referring to him as a 'peddler of degrees' and as an 'interloper.' The question whether these things constitute libel in law under all the attendant circumstances is, therefore, to be determined by the law of the land, and it would be indelicate and out of place for this committee, or for this Grand Lodge to express an opinion on that subject.

"It is proper to say, however, that while this Grand Lodge accepts responsibility for the acts of the Grand Master in designating the bodies, which Mr. Bayliss represented and endeavored to establish here as illegitimate, irregular, and clandestine, it should decline to approve or accept responsibility for anything distinctly personal; it should declare that it limits its approval, as in the recommendations

above set forth to the statement of the law of this jurisdiction and the consequence of its violations, and expressly disclaims any intention thereby to bring into the issue so made the personal character or reputation of Mr. Bayliss, or any other person connected with this matter, and, therefore, this committee recommends that this Grand Body, while approving the official declaration of the Grand Master of the law of this jurisdiction, does not approve or accept as an act for which it is legally or morally responsible, irrelevant or personal matter, if any, contained in the Grand Master's publications, and affirmatively disclaims any intention to reflect on the personal and moral character of Mr. M. W. Bayliss."

As far as we have been able to discover from the reading of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings this "Mr. M. W. Bayliss" has been "getting his" all over the United States. He certainly has kept out of Iowa, for he knows that we have a provision of our Grand Lodge Constitution already drawn, enacted, and adopted to fit his case.

From the report of the Committee on Necrology we cull the following beautiful sentiments:

"Immortality! What a beautiful word it is and what a wealth of thoughts and feelings it awakens in our breast. How it echoes through the deepest recesses of our memory and brings before our vision the remembrance of those dear ones who have vanished before our mortal eyes and gone to the invisible beyond.

"What fond hopes and aspirations stimulate us to so live that we may meet our loved ones, when the last breath shall have left our parted lips and our enfranchised spirit shall be wafted to 'that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler ever returns.'

"We read the lesson through God's own hieroglyphics in ever-rejuvenating nature. While our bodies shall crumble into dust, yet the soul, the God-like attribute is a unit to which the law of decay does not apply. Temporarily it is incarcerated in its earthly prison, only to wing its flight to higher realms, beyond the compass of human thought and vision, when the frail shell shall have been broken. So we believe we can say of each dear one who has solved the Great Mystery:

" 'Brother, thou art gone to rest,
Thy toils and cares are o'er
And sorrow, pain, and suffering now,
Shall ne'er distress thee more.

" 'Brother, thou art gone to rest,
And this shall be our prayer,
That when we reach our journey's end,
Thy glory we shall share.' "

Brother C. C. Kramer delivered the annual oration on the subject, "Genesis and Development of Masonic Truth."

Regarding the relation between Masonry and religion he said:

"There can never be any conflict between Masonry and religion. They are sisters of a divine consanguinity. As I have been endeavoring to trace the development of Masonic truth, so it shall not be my purpose to evolve religious thought in man from its humblest origin. Much of this evolutionary process of Masonry and religion is the same and often we find them inter-explanatory. Man's religious faith is born of man's human necessities. When man makes his first discovery of himself it is a self of imperfections and limitations. The boundary of the finite touches the Infinite. Though man cannot

'find out the Almighty unto perfection,' yet, the wider the expanse of human knowledge and the greater the variety of human experience, the more intelligent will be man's faith in God.

"Herbert Spencer has said that in all scientific researches in ethnology, no people have been discovered without a religion. To use his own language, he calls this 'the omnipresence of religious beliefs.' Fetishism saw a god in every object. Polytheism beheld a god in every class of objects. Monotheism reveals the One God over all and in all. We thus have in the progressive advance of man's intelligence an ever-clarifying perception of the All Father."

Referring to the Masonic religion contained in what Brother Albert Pike called "the great book of nature," he says:

"Somewhat ascending from pure nature worship and employing nature as a medium of Divine worship, Thomas Moore has produced his beautiful poem—'Perpetual Adoration:'"

"The turf shall be my fragrant shrine;
My temple, Lord, that arch of Thine,
My censor's breath the mountain air,
And silent thought my only prayer.

"My choir shall be the moonlit waves,
When murmuring homeward to their caves;
Or when the stillness of the sea,
Even more than music, breathes of Thee.

"I'll seek, by day, some glade unknown,
All light and silence, like Thy throne;
And the pale stars shall be, at night,
The only eyes that watch my rite.

"There is nothing bright, above, below,
From flowers that bloom, to stars that glow,
But in its light my soul can see
Some feature of Thy Diety!"

His poetical quotation reminds us of that splendid poem of William Cullen Bryant's known as "The Forest Hymn," opening with the words "The groves were God's first temples," and we cannot help but think of Whittier's lines:

"The harp at nature's advent strung
Has never ceased to play:
The song the stars at morning sung
Has never died away.

"For prayer is made, and praise is given,
By all things near and far.
The ocean looketh up to heaven,
And mirrors every star.

"The green earth sends her incense up
From many a mountain shrine;
From folded leaf and dewy cup,
She pours her sacred wine.

"The blue sky is the temple's arch,
It's transept earth and air;
The music of its starry march,
The chorus of a prayer."

There is another fine paragraph in this oration which we cannot afford to leave out here. It reads as follows:

"As the contemplative students of Masonry and of religion thus reach up, by an ever-ascending intelligence, to a clearer revelation of the existence of the one God, so their development of faith is along

parallel lines. Beginning with a belief in the one God they both trace the course of His providence in the world. They both believe in the efficacy of prayer, reformation in morals, the resurrection of the body, and the immortality of the soul. The faith of Masonry is by no means a jelly fish. It has a decided and positive vertebra. It is less specific than that of religion and it has never been the aim of Masonry to build up dogma. Its creed is simple—to love God and to practice charity. Religion has given us a larger expansion of the same creed. It has handed down to us an historic dogma, which has its value as the digested statement of the best religious thought and the ripest religious scholarship. The clear, earnest, and devoted theological learning of Oliver must ever be acknowledged as a most valuable contribution to the study of the genesis and development of Masonic truth.”

One of the fine features of this volume of Proceedings is the splendid Report on Foreign Correspondence, by Brother Herman C. Duncan, who turns out 126 pages of intensely interesting matter. He believes that the action of our Grand Lodge in recognizing the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Iowa and its sole authority over the eighth and ninth degrees of the York Rite to have been eminently correct.

He has a little “mix-up” with Brother Fellows as to the proper way to open a Grand Lodge, and it is pretty hard to tell who has the best of the argument.

However, on this subject we are like the Arkansas “cracker,” who, when asked by his little son, who discovered America, replied: “Wal, sonny, I don’t know, and what’s more, I don’t care a darn.”

Maine.

Most Worshipful Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Albro E. Chase, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Portland, May 4, 1909.

We regret that these Proceedings do not contain a portrait of a likeness of Grand Master Charles F. Johnson. We are a great believer in the publication of these portraits, not so much with a view of rewarding or praising the Grand Master for the work that he has done, as with a view of showing the craft at large what manner of men it is that preside over the destinies of the Masonic Grand Lodges of the world. We have examined critically and with great eagerness the features of the Grand Masters whose portraits have been published, and in each case we have felt that they were those of good, true, wide-awake, earnest, and noble men, and it has had the effect in each instance to ratify and reaffirm our faith in the work that the teaching of our principles is doing in the building of the house not

made with hands. We have been glad to note how invariably the fine and noble face has accompanied the uplifting sentiments expressed by its owner.

Grand Master Johnson seems to be no exception to this rule. Note the following, which we take from his annual address:

"I have received many inquiries in regard to the eligibility of candidates who are suffering from the loss of part of a hand, arm, foot, or leg; all of which could be easily answered by reference to the Masonic text book. In one instance also I was asked: 'Whether a candidate who could not read, and who could simply write his name, was eligible,' to which I answered that he was not, stating as my reason that a person who was so illiterate would not be able to obtain much knowledge of our institution, nor would he confer much honor upon it."

This quotation convinces us that this brother is keenly alive to the fact that it is the interior and not the exterior qualifications that render a man worthy to be made a Mason.

We can see with the eye of the imagination the rock-bound shores of Maine, feel the sea breezes blow, and hear the thundering music of the surf when we read the following beautiful language with which the Grand Master closed his annual address:

"Now as I am about to lay down these duties, I can say to you with all sincerity that my appreciation then of the honor has now been increased a hundred fold, and my knowledge of the magnitude and extent of the work in a much larger proportion. I did not then know Masonry as I know it now. I had just completed a short excursion along the shores of that great ocean whose tides rise and fall upon every land. I have since sailed a little further out on that ocean, though not beyond familiar capes, yet far enough to catch a glimpse of the commerce conveyed upon its surging breast, not a commerce whose object is wealth but brotherly love, which freights every swiftly gliding ship upon that blue expanse, as with sails all spread she speeds on her way to the port where fraternal recognition awaits her. And as I watched the ships from your harbors making their way to where the favoring breezes would fill their sails, all loaded deep with the same precious treasures, my heart grew within me and I knew that 'Man liveth not unto himself alone,' but in this era of the wider expansion of human interest his fraternal sympathy spans the globe. Of this, by your kindness, I have caught in furthestest ventures from shore but a glimpse, but enough to create within me some realization of the universality of Masonry and its world-wide mission."

The Grand Lodge gave lawful recognition to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Brother Albro E. Chase is the author of the Report on Correspondence, an excellent effort, 137 pages in length. And of these pages he devotes four to Iowa, quoting with approval from the annual address of Grand Master Cleveland, and speaking with words of highest praise of the work of Past Grand Master Clark as Committee on Correspondence.

He takes the following fine poem from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania:

"Are you a Mason?

Aye, I am!

But stay,

The mere profession of its principles,
When unsupported by the daily acts
Of duty it involves, proves false the tale,
And Truth, that attribute divine, the sure
Foundation of Masonic heritage.
Shrinks back appall'd at such a mockery,
Which, like the barren fig tree, fair to sight,
Is but the semblance of a fruitful tree.
'Faith without works is dead;'
Profession without practice dead, also;
A man is a Mason only when he strives
To make his practice quadrate with his creed.

"What is a Mason?

Symbol of a race

Grand and historic, 'neath whose steadfast hands
The mighty fabric of the Temple rose,
Until in beauty and strength it stood
Harmoniously proclaiming, God is Great!
Though—at the dictum of the power to whom
'Twas raised—o'erthrown and crumpled into dust,
With not a fragment left to mark the place,
Or tell the tale of its magnificence;
The art survives, but not alone
In perishable stone.

"Through faith in God,

And hope of immortality, we build
A spiritual temple to His name;
Founded on Truth and righteous Charity.
Oh, glorious fellowship! We seek the Truth,
In Love, the refulgent essence of all Truth,
Which is of God alone, and God is love.
He, then, who takes the compasses in hand
To circumscribe his daily life, will find
The centre in that Love to God expressed
In deeds of charity and love to men."

It rejoices the heart to note how the Masonic teaching has permeated even the uttermost parts of the world, and how the fine and noble sentiments born of the Masonic thought find lodgment in the hearts of our brothers even in the remotest ends of the earth.

Maryland.

Most Worshipful Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William M. Isaac, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Edward T. Schultz, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Baltimore, November 15, 1909.

At the outset we desire to congratulate the Grand Lodge of Maryland upon the fine press work and book work exhibited by the printing and binding of its volume of Proceedings for this year. This volume is one of the best printed and most tastefully bound of all that it has been our good fortune to review. We are believers in fine book work, and feel that if the annals of Masonry are worth printing at all, they are worth printing upon good paper in fine, clear type, and are worthy of being artistically bound.

The photographic engravings contained in this volume are especially worthy of high praise. These illustrations add a great deal to the interest which a book arouses in the mind of the reader, and are always helpful in giving clear and correct impressions of the text which is sought to be illustrated by them.

In the present case the pictures revive in our memory the terrible calamity which the brethren suffered at the time of the Baltimore fire, and this volume goes to show the fine and splendid recovery which they made from that disaster.

In fact, nearly all of the important business transacted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland had to do with the erection and furnishing of a new Masonic Temple to restore the Temple destroyed by the fire, the Grand Master and Board of Managers being empowered to negotiate a loan of \$150,000 for the completion and furnishing of the Temple.

Under the head of "Election of Officers" we note the curious fact that Brother Thomas J. Shryock has served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master for a term of twenty-three years, being elected Grand Master at this session for the twenty-fourth time.

Here in Iowa where we elect a new Grand Master every year this thing of keeping one brother in office for almost a quarter of a century strikes us as very peculiar.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is the work of Brother Edward T. Schultz, Past Senior Grand Warden.

The report covers 130 pages and is a well written piece of work, full of interesting comments. He gives a brief but comprehensive review of the Proceedings of our own Grand Lodge for 1908, and commends especially the Iowa method of determining the proficiency of a brother in the lectures of the degrees.

Michigan.

Most Worshipful Herbert Montague, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Lou B. Winsor, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Detroit, May 25, 1909.

A fine portrait of Grand Master Montague greets the eye on opening this splendid volume of Proceedings. We like the way he holds his head, and as we look into his fine, strong face we involuntarily exclaim, "A just and upright Mason." If the portraits of his corps of Grand Officers shown on the opposite page are any true indication of the stuff of which the Grand Lodge of Michigan is made, then that Grand Lodge is certainly a body of fine, strong men.

We commend the Grand Secretary for including these portraits in his Proceedings, because we believe in the force of pictures and always like to look into Masonic faces.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan assembled at Jackson, May 26, 1908, with a full force of officers present. One of the first things that happened was an interchange of courtesies between our famous Brother Hugh McCurdy and his brethren of the Grand Lodge. Brother McCurdy, a member of the Grand Lodge since 1851, and now unable to attend, sends his brethren his benediction in these words: "May our Grand Lodge ever remain as sturdy as the oak, fragrant as the rose, and firm as the rock," and this is Brother McCurdy all over. And with one impulse his brethren responded regretting his enforced absence and assuring him "of their continued affection and kindest greetings to their best beloved Past Grand Master."

We cannot read the address of Grand Master Charles E. Sweet without realizing how terribly busy he has been during his year of office. One rarely meets with such a record of earnest devotion, intense enthusiasm, and energetic activity such as is disclosed here. He says: "One hundred and forty-two years of Michigan Masonry is behind us, and where, in 1764, a handful of our faithful brethren were gathered together in a little lodge in Detroit, constituting our membership for the state, today four hundred and five chartered lodges are teaching the pure principles of our art." He has evidently been trying hard to live up to the fine reputation established by this past history and to make his year the finest in the record, for he writes:

"The past year has been the banner year of this Grand Jurisdiction. Four thousand six hundred and twenty-three have been added to our rolls, and a net gain of 2,532 has been made in our membership, making a total January 1, 1908, of 58,542 Master Masons in good standing, and as the work of the past five months has been phenomenal, I have no doubt that we now have on our roster the full number of 60,000 true and lawful men and Masons."

Brother Sweet must have entirely abandoned his usual avocation and lived for the good of the order alone. It takes seventy solidly printed pages to tell the story of his work. He granted fifty-four special dispensations, nearly all for work, made forty-five official visits, and wrote fifteen hundred letters, "besides many other duties performed of which no record is kept." In addition to this he laid ten corner-stones, dedicated eleven Masonic halls and temples. The corner-stones laid were those of public schools, high schools, churches, Y. M. C. A. buildings, hospitals, libraries, auditoriums, city halls, and Masonic Temples. Verily, verily, this Grand Master has been "going some."

Among his decisions we note:

"No one, not a Mason, can be allowed to act as a bearer at a Masonic funeral. A Masonic funeral is a part of Masonic work, and is conducted while the lodge is at labor, and a man, not a Mason, could no more take part as a bearer at a funeral than an outsider could assist in conferring of the third degree."

And a recommendation, probably born of the tremendous amount of work done in his state, reads as follows:

"It seems to me, and to all who have given it thought, that when the candidate for Masonry first enters the door of our lodge he should enter it alone. On the other hand, I can see no reason, after he has taken the first and second degrees, why he should not receive the obligation of the third degree in company with those who are traveling the same road."

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$5,000 towards the construction of a hospital in connection with its Hasonic Home.

Fraternal relations were assumed with the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which was duly recognized.

We are glad to note that the Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Ritual, substituting the word "gloves" for "garments," thus preventing the wandering away from the ancient landmarks which threatened at the last session.

It is also to be noted that the apparition described by our own Brother Clark was also thereby finally laid away to everlasting sleep in its grave.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Lou B. Winsor, who must be possessed of the same fever of industry that characterized Grand Master Sweet, for his report covers 270 closely printed pages, no less than six of which are devoted to Iowa. In these he sets forth in full Brother Parvin's scheme for Grand Lodge certificates or identification cards, and quotes three solid pages of Brother Clark's report as Committee on Correspondence. We are again glad to note what a wide audience the noble sentiments of our Past Grand Master are receiving at the hands of the various Committees on Correspondence throughout the Masonic world.

Mississippi.

Most Worshipful Edwin J. Martin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Harry T. Howard, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Meridian, third Tuesday in February, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings bears on its title page what I take to be a most excellent portrait of Grand Master E. J. Martin, and the question naturally arises whether he is not related, distantly at least, to our own "P. J." They certainly look enough alike to be brothers.

The Nintieth Annual Communication was held in the city of Hattiesburg, February 11, 1908, and was opened by Grand Master Henry Clay Yawn.

From the annual address of the Grand Master I quote the following:

“Your opportunities for doing good are abundant. Your influence for good is what you make it. If a kindly deed is to be done, do it; if a friendly word is to be spoken, speak it; if a smile is to be given, give it. Place the flower in the hands of your brother while he can reward you with a grateful smile. Do not wait till his cold, pallid lips are unable to utter thanks. Some one has said: ‘One flower in my life is worth more to me than all the products of all the gardens of the world on my grave; one kind word in life is better than an oration over my tomb; on my funeral day you may overlook covering my grave with flowers if you will but give me one little bud today.’”

The Grand Master refused to confer any special favors on the clergy, or to allow his subordinate lodges to do so, as will be seen from the following—

“DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

“May 7, 1907.—Walnut Grove Lodge, No. 242, to ballot out of time and confer all three degrees on a Methodist minister.

“July 17, 1907.—Southern Star Lodge, U. D., to receive and ballot on a petition of clergyman who had not been within the jurisdiction the required length of time.”

thus rightly holding that in Masonry one man is as good as another.

In his decisions the Grand Master approves the action of the Master of a local lodge who allowed the public school to make use of the lodge-room for graduating exercises at a time when that school was hard pressed for room. We cannot help but approve and heartily second this action, for Masonry has ever been the loyal friend of the free school.

In another case he holds that “the loss of the right forefinger between the last and middle joints does not constitute a physical disability.” And in still a third case, that the loss of the thumb of the left hand did not disqualify, and in still another, that the loss of the middle finger of the right hand up to the last joint did not disqualify; and the frequency with which we meet decisions regarding petty details of matters of physical disability in the Proceedings we have had occasion to review, causes us to ask whether it would not be of great benefit to the craft in the Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world to unite upon some fixed and detailed rules regarding the matter of physical disability.

In another case he decides that a man who “is 32 years old, is not able to support himself, is not married, has had rheumatism for several years, and cannot stand erect, and stoops considerable in walking,” is not eligible to taking the degrees.

Over \$700 was returned by the Grand Master of California as balance left over from the San Francisco relief fund, and the Grand Master recommended that part of this money be placed in the Grand Lodge Relief Fund, and balance donated to the Masonic Home.

Corner-stones were laid by the Grand Lodge for the following buildings: Three court houses, two school buildings, one soldier’s

monument, and a new Masonic Home at Meridian. He refused to lay two corner-stones because the walls had been run up and a hole left in the wall for the stone.

Fifty dollars was contributed to the Masonic lodge at Kingston, Jamaica, to assist the brethren there in re-building their hall destroyed by the earthquake.

In view of the fact that 423 Confederate officers, who were Masons, were imprisoned on Johnson's Island during the civil war in 1864, and had died there, the Grand Lodge made an appropriation of \$250 for marking the graves of the Confederate dead at that Island.

The Grand Lodge, by resolution, set aside its law denying representatives from subordinate lodges, who had failed to make their returns to the Grand Lodge by the time fixed by law therefor, the right to participate and vote in the Grand Lodge. This action on their part we cannot commend, as it certainly cannot help but have a bad effect on the lodges who are chronically delinquent in the matter of getting their returns on file.

We believe that statutes of this kind were made to be enforced, and were enacted for the purpose of teaching salutary lessons to delinquent Masons.

Every time a law or rule of this kind is allowed to be ignored, or to go unenforced, it weakens the force of all rules and all laws, and deprives the brethren of the respect they owe to Masonic law. When we realize how much depends upon the prompt filing of these returns, and how much trouble and annoyance is caused to other officials and other Masons by the neglect so to do, we cannot help but feel that the Master of a lodge who neglects his duty to see that those returns are promptly made out and sent in ought to be punished, and his lodge disciplined, and the Grand Lodge ought not to allow that punishment and discipline to be lightly waived or set aside through some mistaken notion of charity.

There are two kinds of charity, the kind that helps and the kind that hurts. And we are inclined to believe that the resolution waiving these penalties is of this latter kind. If a law of this sort is intended to be merely a farce, it had better be repealed than systematically waived by resolutions at each session of the Grand Lodge, as the waving of it in this way robs it of all its force, and promotes and encourages neglect on the part of the subordinate lodge officers whose duty it is to write out and file the returns.

The Committee on the State of the Craft made a very interesting report, showing the answers made by the subordinate lodges to twenty-one questions asked them by the committee, questions which tended to bring out the condition of such lodge in a very full and complete manner, and questions which might well be adopted by our Committee on Chartered Lodges.

The Grand Lodge decided that a subordinate lodge did not have the right to initiate, pass and raise any one gratuitously, not even a minister of the gospel.

Brother James M. Dickey, of the Committee on the State of the Craft, read a fine report on necrology, from which we quote the following passage:

“Death has no terror for the faithful, it but opens the door through which he passes to a reunion with the dear departed brother and comrade of other years. It is the ‘covered way’ leading to immortality. It is good to think of the departed as being yet alive, worthy of our love. We can not say and will not say that they are dead, they are just away, with a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, and wandered into an unknown land and left us dreaming how very fair it needs must be since they linger there. And you, oh, you, who the wildest yearn for the old-time steps and the glad return, think of them, passing on as dear in the love of there as the love of here, think of them still as the same, I say—they are not dead, they are just away.”

A telegram of sympathy was sent to the widow of Past Deputy Grand Master Henry M. Wassell, who responded very simply and beautifully in the following language: “I thank the Grand Lodge for its beautiful tribute to my dead and its thought of me.”

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has a beautiful custom which it uses in closing the Grand Lodge. A “mystic circle” is formed and the Grand Master speaks some appropriate words of farewell, while the entire lodge is engaged, as it were, in one great big hand shake. On this occasion he said as follows:

“It is, then, as we are clasping each other by the hand, which for some of us must needs be for the last time in this earthly lodge, as we go forth to our homes, we exult in our lineage, both as Masons and citizens. Let us strive to prove ourselves worthy of this noble inheritance of ours.”

Appended to the Proceedings of the annual communication are those of an emergent communication held by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Masonic Home.

On this occasion Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary Frederic Speed made the address, from which I take pleasure in quoting the following passage:

“It does not matter that Masonic rites of today are not the same as those of the Magi, the Essenes, the rite of Eleusis, or even those of the brethren of Solomon’s Temple; a similar parentage is evident from the wonderful coincidence in symbols, ceremonies, and dogma. A stream which has come rolling down the centuries like a hidden river now appearing and again disappearing under different names, but always the same clear, limpid water—with a creed so broad that it embraces all humanity, one God and He the Father of us all, and as children of a common Father we owe to all mankind the reciprocal duties of love and friendship. And so it has come to us, as the brotherhood have chiseled their marks upon the stones of the ages, through the Essenes, the Roman artificers, the stone masons of Germany, at Cologne in 950, Strausburg in 1015, Kirkwall in 1137, Canterbury in 1179, Glasgow in 1240, at Cologne again in 1365, at the Convent of Bethala in Spain in 1400, at York for three centuries prior to 1717—chiseling, chiseling, ever chiseling the marks of the craft upon

stones of aqueducts, bridges, cathedrals, abbeys, and deeper yet, into the hearts of men, ever engraving the great and undying law of brotherhood."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of Past Grand Master Harry T. Howard. Commenting upon the address of Past Grand Master Cleveland, he speaks rather jocularly of his experience with the full moon schedule: "Suppose there comes a month with no full moon, or a month of two full moons, what becomes of their stated monthly meetings?"

He speaks of our library "free from debt, it stands a memorial to Brother Theodore S. Parvin," and quotes at length upon the report of Past Grand Master Clark as Committee on Correspondence.

Missouri.

Most Worshipful R. R. Kreeger, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John R. Parson, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Rufus E. Anderson, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, St. Joseph, September 28, 1909.

The opening page of these Proceedings consists of a fine profile portrait of Grand Master John T. Short, and the portrait is accompanied by a biographical sketch from the pen of Algernon Sidney Houston.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in St. Louis in ample form on September 29, 1908, the Grand Master of Tennessee, Brother Milton H. Price, attended as a distinguished visitor, and received the Grand Honors and was then assigned to a place in the Grand East.

In his annual address the Grand Master says: "The year just passed has been one of harmony and good will, and the progress made, I trust, has been beneficial and lasting."

No less than fourteen corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge during the year, comprising seven churches, three schools, two court houses, and two Masonic Temples.

We can heartily sympathize with the Grand Master when he writes of the petty annoyances to which he has been subjected in the matter of decisions. He reports as follows:

"I have made no decisions, but have answered every communication sent me; and on all matters pertaining to questions of law, I have been able to dispose of them by reference to the By-laws, or decisions of the Grand Lodge. There are a great many unnecessary questions asked of the Grand Master. If the officers and members of the local lodges would become more conversant with the laws, four-

fifths of the questions asked of the Grand Master could be properly determined by themselves. I will admit that for a number of years, at least, the By-laws and session acts of the Grand Lodge have been somewhat complicated, to which the Committee on Revision can, no doubt, attest, but with the closing of this Grand Lodge I trust that our laws will be in such shape that the Grand Masters for years to come will not be burdened with so many simple questions."

In going through the Proceedings of the various Grand Jurisdictions we repeatedly meet with complaints on the part of Grand Masters that the brethren of the subordinate lodges are most inconsiderate in taking up his valuable time with matters which they could readily answer for themselves by a reference to the Code.

We would suggest as a remedy for this state of things the plan followed by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, who at the beginning of his administration, in connection with the introduction of a new set of laws for his Grand Jurisdiction, preemptorily ordered every High Priest and Secretary of every subordinate Chapter within his jurisdiction to read the new laws from end to end within thirty days, and to certify to him in writing, on a blank form attached to his order for that purpose, that they had done so, and who at the same time notified them that hereafter he would answer no questions concerning the laws received from them until they had certified to him that they had first looked in the Code for the answer themselves. This plan we believe cannot help but result in a thorough education in Masonic law of those officers who need to know the law in order that their local Chapters can be properly governed.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of eight new lodges. A rebate of about \$2,000 from the earthquake fund of the Grand Lodge of California was turned over to the Masonic Home as a donation.

The annual oration was delivered by Brother I. N. Evrard, Grand Orator. He was a little slow in getting thoroughly aroused, but when he got warmed up he was certainly fine. We quote the following:

"True Freemasonry is not a Christian order, but it is an order based upon a belief in God; and the God of America is the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob and of Jesus Christ. Freemasonry is not a religious order, but it receives its fundamental teachings and its power from the book on yonder altar whence emanates the religion of our land. And I want to submit to you, my brethren, this question: If the endurance of our order is in any way dependent upon the influence of that book, if it is well that these men of Missouri and Masons all over the world should behold it first upon entering a regularly constituted lodge, would it not be worth while for us to see that at every desk in this land where sits the American and the Mason of the future there may be an open Bible; not that there shall be taught from it any system of theology, but that it may send out its gently pervading power for truth and righteousness?

"I believe we are coming in these days to see that 'whatever research may lay at the feet of science, whatever hope may achieve,

whatever beauty may adorn or love may cherish,' depends upon the love of country and the love of God that we hold in our hearts and teach to our children."

He closed his ringing appeal with the following fine poem from the pen of Edward Vance Cooke:

"HOW DID YOU DIE?"

"Did you tackle the trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hide yourself from the light of day,
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton or a trouble's an ounce,
Or a trouble is what you make it;
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,
But only how did you take it?"

"You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face,
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
But to lie there—that's disgrace;
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye—
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,
It's how did you fight and why?"

"And though you be done to death, what then?
If you've battled the best you could;
If you've played your part in the world of men,
Why, the Critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or he comes with a pounce;
And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only how did you die?"

This poem appeals to us very strongly, and we insert it here for the purpose of procuring for it just that much wider dissemination among the brethren. There is also a little personal association connected with this poem that makes it mean all the more to us. We had a dear friend and brother, a Scottish Rite Mason of the 33d degree, who died a most painful and lingering death from cancer of the throat after submitting to a number of hopeless operations to save his life. Throughout the long and bitter struggle he was ever cheerful and brave and confided to us that it was this same poem that had done more than anything else to sustain him during his severest struggles. He said that he had committed it to memory and that its brave and helpful words kept ringing and singing through the inner chambers of his soul nerving him to endure the inevitable and face death with a smile. We are more than glad to find that it is such fine and noble sentiments as are expressed in a poem of this kind that appeal the quickest to the Masonic mind, and although we have never had the pleasure of meeting Brother Evrard, we feel drawn towards him by this little incident of his admiring and quoting this little poem which was of so great help to our dear friend who has passed into the Great Beyond.

The Grand Lodge deferred granting recognition to the Grand Lodge of Brazil, the Grand Lodge "Cosmos" of Chihuahua, and the Grand Lodge of Italy, and the committee reports further: "We are informed that the Grand Lodge of Greece, the Grand Lodge of Italy, and the Grand Lodge of Brazil are all making efforts to organize

subordinate lodges within the United States," a statement which comes to us with considerable surprise, as we had had no intimation whatever that any such thing had occurred, or was occurring.

We regret to note that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances had before them no less than sixteen cases during the past year.

As shown by the photograph contained in the Proceedings, a most beautiful granite monument was erected by the Grand Lodge to the memory of Brother Allen McDowell, who for more than a third of a century was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge. This monument was erected in Mt. Washington Cemetery at Kansas City.

The splendid report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence covers 226 pages, and is from the pen of Past Grand Master Rufus E. Anderson, who suffered keenly from "a severe attack of something or other in the region of his bread-basket." We would recommend to Brother Anderson the reading of that celebrated story "Being Done Good," which he can no doubt get from his library, wherein a tale is told by a sufferer from rheumatism of all that he went through with as a subject for experiment on the part of various healing artists who in the end left him minus a whole lot of money and plus a lot of experience, which last he in turn proceeded to again convert into coin by publishing the story in a most delightful and entertaining volume.

However, all joking aside, we heartily sympathize with Brother Anderson in his affliction, and trust that he has by this time found relief. It takes a good and true Mason, one thoroughly imbued with the teachings of the order, to shoulder a burden like this and pass it off with a smile. Brother Anderson, we take our hat off to you. In his report he devotes three pages to our own state. He approves of the energetic administration of Grand Master Cleveland, and of the able address in which he told its story. He quotes with approval from the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, and recognizes with liberal words of praise the efforts of Past Grand Master Clark in his report as Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and quotes with approval Brother Clark's incisive sentences on the subject of legislation as a Masonic "cure-all."

Manitoba.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Henry J. Pugh, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Charles N. Bell, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Winnipeg, June 9, 1909.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened at Winnipeg, June 10, 1908, with a full corps of Grand Officers present.

There were also in attendance ten Past Grand Masters and six Past Grand Wardens.

The Grand Master, Brother James Scroggie, delivered a fine annual address, which was arranged in a business-like manner, and while it showed the executive ability of its author, at the same time it demonstrated him to be a man of scholarly attainments.

On the subject of the non-affiliates he said:

“With respect to other matters of importance affecting the interests of the craft within this Grand Lodge I am compelled to repeat the expressions used by several of my worthy predecessors in office. That it is lamentable that no organized or well defined effort is being used to induce the non-affiliate to resume his Masonic obligations. Into this western and fast developing country there comes a vast concourse of men during every year seeking new homes and brighter associations. Such of them as are members of this fraternity should not be allowed to drift apart from the privileges of the order and from association with its ready effort to do good.”

His concluding words are also well worth quoting here:

“And now, my brethren, while this address deals largely with the executive and material interests of our beloved order, let us not forget the real object and true aim of Masonry:

“‘THE MAKING OF CHARACTER AND THE MAKING OF MEN.’

Beautiful though our work is, and the presentation of it effectively a great accomplishment, its beauty will be lost if we overlook the true spirit in the teachings of our system. If our institution had been designed for pastime and pleasure alone, its life would have been brief, it would have passed away and been forgotten. But, because truth prevails, and the foundations of Masonic work were firmly established upon principles everlasting, its usefulness has grown with the ages, and the traveling orb of light finds no earth where Masonry holds not her altar upturned to the Divine Creator. It is not my purpose to parade the virtues of our order, but only to remind you of the privileges you enjoy, and of the possibilities which lie before you of incorporating into your lives the truth itself and ‘the truth shall make you free.’

“The world wants men, large hearted, manly men,
Men who will join its chorus and prolong
Its psalm of labor and its song of love.
The age wants heroes, heroes who shall dare
To struggle in the serried ranks of truth—
To clutch the monster error by the throat,
To bear opinion to a loftier seat,
To blot the era of oppression out
And lead a universal freedom in.”

An exchange of fraternal greetings took place by telegrams between the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Charters were ordered issued to three new lodges.

This Grand Lodge has no Report on Fraternal Correspondence, or at least it does not seem to be the duty of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence to submit a review of the Proceedings of the other Grand Lodges.

Montana.

(1907.)

Most Worshipful Squire C. Kenyon, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Edward C. Day, Committee on Correspondence.

A printed slip pasted just beneath the cover of these Proceedings advises us that "these are the belated 1907 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Those for 1908 will follow as soon as completed." As we go through these Proceedings we find that the cause for this delay was evidently due to the death of Brother Cornelius Hedges, the father of the present Grand Secretary, who died on April 29, 1907. Brother Hedges was Grand Master for Montana in 1870, and for thirty-five years was Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. His failing health had been watched with the utmost anxiety by his brethren for many months, and after a final illness of three weeks he was summoned to his reward.

We can realize what a blow his death must have been to our brethren of Montana, and we will, of course, under the circumstances be gladly patient with the new Grand Secretary until he catches up with his work.

We are glad to note that the new Grand Secretary is evidently a son of this veteran Grand Secretary who died in the harness. At least, we infer this to be the case from his name, Cornelius Hedges, Jr. He was undoubtedly trained for his work under the able instruction of his beloved and respected father, who was one of the most magnificent Masons that the great west has developed.

Concerning Cornelius Hedges, Sr., the Grand Master of Montana writes as follows in his annual address:

"A thorough gentleman, he was at once dignified, courteous, and affable, making friends of all with whom he came in contact, and enemies of none. While Masonry may be said to have been his life work, yet his activities were by no means confined to Masonic pursuits. In educational matters, in politics, in the church, he was a tower of strength. In short, our brother was the very best product of the cultured east, developed and broadened by association with the generous and vigorous spirit of the west. The absence of his guiding hand will in the future be keenly felt; but let us feel thankful he was called away before the blasting breath of senility had blighted his splendid mental endowments, and that our latest remembrance of him may be the dear old man directing us with unfailing clearness of perception into the straight and narrow path which it was his desire we should follow."

Commenting upon the matter of too rapid growth in membership, the Grand Master says:

"Apparently an unusual number of applicants are knocking at our doors, and I have lost no opportunity of admonishing the brethren

everywhere to look well to the quality of the timber which offers itself for our acceptance. While we are pleased to see our order grow and know of no reason why it should not partake of the general growth and development, yet we sincerely hope that we will not be tempted to substitute quantity for quality, and thus cheapen the institution of Masonry in the eyes of the more thoughtful."

We heartily endorse the sentiments so ably expressed and are satisfied that the lesson therein contained could well be taken to heart by the Masons of every jurisdiction, wheresoever dispersed over the world.

There is no Report on Fraternal Correspondence, for the reason that the Grand Secretary on account of his illness was not in a condition to prepare such a report, and the acting Grand Secretary, on account of the illness of his father and his many other arduous duties, was not in shape to do the work.

We sympathize with the brethren of Montana on account of their troubles and misfortunes of this most fateful year, but at the same time expect them to do great things in the future, and we shall no doubt hear from them in a very satisfactory way just as soon as they rally from this severe blow.

The volume of Proceedings is closed with a fine sepia photograph portrait of Cornelius Hedges, Sr., the veteran Grand Secretary, and as we look upon his kindly, genial countenance, and his fine head, crowned with the silver that betokens the winter of life, we begin in a measure to understand how he managed to hold the love and affection of his brethren for over a third of a century. It is a splendid picture of a great, strong, kindly man and Mason.

Nebraska.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful William A. De Bord, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Charles J. Phelps, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Omaha, June 8, 1909.

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was opened with 217 out of 237 chartered lodges duly represented.

The annual address of Grand Master Ornan J. King is a fine piece of work and makes us regret all the more that his brethren of the Grand Lodge did not see fit to provide that his portrait should accompany the Grand Lodge Proceedings. But perhaps this is due to the fact that his innate modesty would not permit him to sit for his picture. We note that he appointed a committee of fifteen to arrange

for the holding of a celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the Grand Lodge, and that an emergent communication was called, and the occasion celebrated in a most fitting and appropriate manner.

He decided: "An objection to a candidate of a subordinate lodge of another jurisdiction, upon whom a degree is being conferred by courtesy, should be made to the lodge for whom the degree is being conferred," and we believe the decision to be wise and sound.

In another case he held that it was "unmasonic for a lodge to pay for a public lecture on any subject in a public hall, for the purpose of obtaining petitions for initiation," and again we are constrained to exclaim, "O wise and just Judge!" for such a lecture clearly smacks of soliciting candidates for membership, a thing which from the beginning of time has been universally considered as unmasonic.

In another case, in regard to physical qualifications, we believe his judgment to be sound when he holds: "A man who has lost the first and second fingers of his left hand at the third joint, and the third finger of his left hand at the second joint, but whose thumb and little finger of his left hand are perfect, is not thereby disqualified by physical imperfections."

During the year the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stones for a public school building and a Y. M. C. A. building. We are glad to note that the Grand Master places his seal of condemnation upon the "endless chain letter" system. We had hoped that this nuisance had died long ago, but if it has popped its head up again, we are glad it was smitten by this vigilant Grand Master.

The following will be of interest to Iowa Masons:

"In September last I received a very cordial invitation from Excelsior Lodge, No. 259, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, to attend a reception to be given on October 10th to Most Worshipful R. M. Hunter, Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa. One of the objects of the meeting was to give the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Nebraska an opportunity to meet the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Iowa. On the date named, accompanied by Right Worshipful William A. De Bord, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, and a number of other distinguished Freemasons, I visited the lodge and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree by the regular officers and Excelsior Lodge, No. 259. The work was exceptionally well done, and reflected great credit upon the officers who filled the several stations.

"After the work an elaborate banquet was served, appropriate toasts were offered; and responses made thereto by several prominent Freemasons. Fraternal courtesies were interchanged by the visiting brethren from our own Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Iowa who were present. A very delightful evening was passed, and I can cheerfully testify to the hospitality of the brethren of Excelsior Lodge, No. 259, and feel grateful for the opportunity afforded us to meet the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and other honored Freemasons who were present at the meeting."

We can only trust that this will not be the last exchange of fraternal courtesy between the two Grand Jurisdictions, but that on the contrary it will be but the precursor of many yet to come.

Nebraska reports a net gain of 679 members for the year.

An extremely interesting legal decision in the profane courts is reported by Past Grand Master Davidson with reference to the matter of the taxation of Masonic property.

This case is that of Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., against Cass county, and is a case that should be read by all Masonic lawyers, and all persons interested in the exemption of Masonic property from taxation. The opinion of the court may be found in Volume 116 of the Northwestern Reporter, at page 167, and is to the effect that money held and used exclusively for lodge purposes, to-wit, the relief of the distressed and needy members of the order, is exempt from taxation. In connection with this decision the committee says:

“By this decision the part of any building that is owned and used exclusively for lodge purposes—that is for the meetings and legitimate work of the lodge—and its furniture and paraphernalia so used, and any money on hand which constitutes and is used as its legitimate charitable fund and for running expenses of the lodge, are each and all exempt from taxation. But any property of the lodge which is rented or loaned or otherwise invested for the purpose of its earning an income is not so exempt.”

We believe that notice should be taken of this decision by Masons throughout the country.

One of the interesting events that occurs at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is the delivery of the oration of the Grand Orator. On this occasion the address was made by Brother Roscoe Pound, and we regret exceedingly that space will not permit of our including his entire effort in our report. The following passages are fine specimens of this brother's literary and oratorical ability:

“For the Mason is in a real sense a citizen of the world. The very form of our lodge, the oblong square, has reference to the early tradition that such was the shape of the world. The oblong square with the pillars of Hercules in the west, with deep Cimmerian darkness in the north and the sun at its meridian in the south, was a symbol of the world. Thus the world itself is the true Mason's lodge in which he is to live and labor. He must be international. He must think of *men*, not of citizens. He must think of himself as one of a universal brotherhood, not as one of a local lodge owing obedience to a provincial Grand Lodge.

“My brethren, we of all men owe it to ourselves and to the world to be universal in spirit. Universality is a lesson the whole world is learning and must learn. But we ought to know it well already. We ought to be upon the front bench of the world's school, setting an example to our more backward school-fellows. Wherever in the world there is a lodge of Masons, there should be a center of the new idea of universality, radiating reason to put down prejudice and advance justice in the disputes of peoples, and making for the peace and harmony that should prevail in this great lodge of the world.”

We have often felt that this plan of having an annual oration by some great, good, and learned Mason could well be imitated by the Grand Lodge of our own state.

Brethren of Iowa who desire hereafter to visit lodges in the sister jurisdiction of Nebraska must have—

“A certificate under the seal of his lodge, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, which certificate must show that he is a member of said lodge in good standing. And the Master and committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. And unless such certificate is dated within one year prior to the date of such examination, the visiting brother must also present some receipt or other documentary evidence from his lodge bearing a date not to exceed twelve months prior to the date of such examination, showing that he remains a member of said lodge in good standing.”

It will be well for the brethren to note this legislation, for if they do not they will have no right to feel disappointed at being denied admission to a Nebraska lodge for failure to comply with these regulations.

The excellent report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Charles J. Phelps, who has managed to cover over one hundred closely printed pages. Referring to our own state, he says of Brother Cleveland: “The Grand Master, in opening his address, contributes a gem to literature.”

He speaks of Brother Clark's report as Committee on Correspondence as follows: “And now comes Most Worshipful Brother Charles C. Clark, and presents an excellent Report on Correspondence.”

He comments very favorably on Brother Clark's pithy remarks on the misguided effort of most Grand Lodges to cure all sorts of ills by specific legislation. Somehow or other whenever we read these forcible sentences of Brother Clark's as they are quoted time and again in the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges there rises before our mental vision the spectacle of our own state legislature. We only wish that Brother Clark's sermon could be preached to its members. Still, after all, it might have no effect, not because of its lack of forceful power, but because of the collection of incurables to whom it was preached.

We especially desire to compliment the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on the fine index which it has appended to its Proceedings.

We have had some bitter personal experience in trying to locate various subjects in codes of Masonic law and Grand Lodge Proceedings in the past, and have come to appreciate the real value of a good index, and on this subject we speak as one having knowledge.

Nevada.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Charles L. Fulstone, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful C. N. Noteware, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Carson City, June 8, 1909.

The strong, kindly features of Grand Master Robert Lewers look out upon us from the frontispiece of this volume.

In his annual address the Grand Master shows that he has been an industrious visitor of the various subordinate lodges in his Grand Jurisdiction.

The following quotation will show that in spite of his high office he is a very human sort of a fellow after all:

"In April I had the gratification of attending a meeting of Douglas Lodge, No. 12, in company with Brother Charles L. Fulstone, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; Frank H. Norcross, Grand Orator, and Adolph Jacobs, Grand Tyler. Brother D. W. Virgin acted as Master, and conferred the third degree in an impressive manner.

"At the banquet which was held at the famous Raycraft hotel we exemplified what hungry Masons can do with delicious spring chicken cooked to a turn, tender ham, delightful mince pie that would not go in Georgia any more, real cream pie, and lemon pie such as you would like to have handed you, three kinds of cake—all good beyond compare—apples and oranges, real cream, and want-more coffee, and so many other good things that the printing committee will not let me enumerate them, and all these piled so high on the table that you could not see your vis-a-vis until you had eaten an hour and a half—that was all Brother Farrer allowed us. There was no speechmaking—even Brother Norcross did not want to talk. When No. 12 wants another visit we are willing to go officially or unofficially or on foot."

All of our lodges should take notice of the citation which the Grand Master outlines in his address with regard to the matter of furnishing relief to Iowa Masons who may require assistance while sojourning in his state. In this connection he says:

"I have had some correspondence with other jurisdictions in regard to the subject of Masonic relief. This is a practical question and one which demands careful consideration.

"I would like to urge upon the officers of all our lodges caution in doing this work. If a sojourning brother asks for relief, or needs relief, it is your duty to extend immediate relief and then to notify his lodge of the facts in the case. Do not extend the relief in the belief that the sojourner's lodge will have to reimburse your lodge. It is the judge of what it can and will do. Explain the cost of nursing, medical attendance, etc., carefully to eastern lodges, for they do not understand why they are so high in the west. The cost of a hearse (\$15) staggers them. Sending a body east requires double fare, and this paralyzes the treasury of a little lodge. If the foreign lodge does not pay your lodge becomes responsible and you have your own members to consider. Be charitable; it is your duty. Be careful, for it will save trouble."

He illustrates very forcibly the need of a uniform card system throughout the world and outlines very clearly the advantage of such a system. On this subject he has to say:

"Clandestine lodges exist in the United States and a condition, not a theory, confronts us. A miserable degree salesman is duping would-be candidates in San Francisco and we must take precautions if we are to obey a strong Masonic injunction. Many jurisdictions are adopting the card system, which is briefly as follows: The Grand Secretary has printed a uniform card receipt. Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., Nevada Lander Lodge, No. 8, Austin, Nevada, is a regular lodge under our jurisdiction. Seal of Grand Lodge and signature of Grand Secretary printed in *fac-simile*. On the other side, 'Lander Lodge, No. 8, 1908,' in large figures, and the seal and signature of the Secretary. A short personal description of the holder could be given, as shown by the card used by Valley Lodge.

"No clandestine lodge will dare claim the signature of a regular Grand Secretary, as for instance, in Ohio there are clandestine lodges, but none of them dare claim the name of J. H. Bromwell, and yet many clandestines hailing from Ohio endeavor to visit regular lodges. They will take the test and say they are regular, and under our present system we go on and examine them, and have doubtless admitted many clandestine Masons in the years gone by and are continuing the possibility of doing the same thing. With the card system, we do not take many chances; under the old we took all the chances. This card, let it be clearly understood, does not admit to the lodge, as it is intended merely to admit to examination. No written document can admit to the lodge-room. These cards will not cost very much and they are easily issued. They are infinitely better to carry than the ordinary receipt, and as they show the year they are good, they will materially aid in collecting dues."

During the year the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stones of a high school building and also of a church.

A communication from the Servian Freemasons soliciting contributions to enable them to build a Masonic Temple was read and ordered "place on file."

We are pleased to learn that nothing further was done with this communication. Our Servian brethren should learn to help themselves and stand on their own feet.

Communications from the Grand Lodge Cosmos, Mexico, and the Grand Orient of Greece asking for fraternal recognition were referred to the Committee on Correspondence with instructions to report next year.

One new lodge was given a charter.

In the matter of a card system the Grand Lodge instructed the Grand Secretary to furnish all constituent lodges with requisite cards at the actual cost of the same, and each lodge was instructed to put such cards into immediate use upon receipt from the Grand Secretary.

We are glad to note and heartily approve this timely action.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Grand Master Robert Lewers.

Considering the difficulties under which he labored in getting out this report, it is a most satisfactory piece of work.

He devotes two pages to our own Grand Jurisdiction, and discusses the question of relief to be extended the sick brother in the case between one of our lodges and an Idaho lodge, and with reference to the excessiveness of charges made, he has this to say:

“The whole question simmers down to this: We are bound to do the best we can for a destitute brother. It is the duty of the lodge called on for assistance to notify, by wire if necessary, the lodge to which the brother belongs, and to follow the directions of the home lodge, and to keep the home lodge informed of the expense necessary to be incurred. It is clearly the duty of the home lodge to do the best it can in a financial way. If it can afford \$25 a week to aid the sick brother, it is its duty to do this. The lodge doing the charitable work is on the ground and knows what is needed.

“For instance, the Idaho lodge knew what it had to pay out for caskets, embalming, railway transportation, etc. If the instructions were to spend \$20 a week and it cost \$50 a week to do anything at all, the lodge in Idaho was, in the language of the practically initiated, ‘up against it.’ What could it do? It was simply a question of holding home lodge responsible for the amount authorized, and assuming the rest of the burden itself. In times of death, matters arrange themselves quickly. The Idaho lodge had to get a coffin and it had to buy it from the undertaker in town. One hundred dollars is a low price for a coffin out west. The body was to be shipped; embalming was therefore necessary. This cost \$50. The Idaho brethren could not go to a bargain counter and get it for less. Railway fare is fixed; \$97.50 or no tickets. No tickets, the body will have to go by express, and then the bill soars; \$10 for a hearse to the depot; we pay \$15 for such service and have for years. We can not help these prices; we live where these prices exist, and we have to die where they exist.

“We know of a case where instructions were given. A lodge member was taken with typhoid fever in a mining camp, and the instruction from his home lodge was to allow \$25 a week, and this instruction was given after two letters had to be written—the first notification was by telegraph—and after it had been necessary to employ three nurses at an expense of \$30 a day to keep the man alive. The bill amounted to about \$900, and if this care had not been taken of the patient, he would surely have perished. The western lodge had to pay this bill, all but \$100.

“This was an exceptional case because but few of them are as severe. What was the duty of the home lodge? To pay to the extent of its ability, which it did not. What was the duty of the lodge doing the work? To take proper care of the patient, which it did and more, too.

“You can not deduct from such a bill as the Idaho one the items which are excessive, because none of them are excessive. They are the bills we have actually to pay. If the eastern lodge can not afford the amount, it certainly can not bankrupt itself to pay it. It certainly ought to do its best. From long experience I believe that it is essentially necessary for lodges extending aid to fully inform the home lodge and keep it informed. Each lodge will then know its responsibilities.

“The Masonic Congress of 1893 passed this resolution, which we believed then, for we were a member of that unofficial body, and believe now, is the correct law in the matter:

“That the brethren of lodges granting aid are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the lodge in which the beneficiary holds membership, but that when a member of one lodge is helped by an-

other, and the financial situation of his lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a lodge relieving its members.'

"This applies to aid extended without notifying the home lodge; aid extended under authorization of the home lodge, admits of doubt only as to the maximum amount, and this should be as clearly defined as the circumstances will permit.

"We know of another case where a brother died and the Master had called his lodge together for the purpose of burying him in the lodge cemetery, when a telegram was received ordering the body sent east. Complaint was afterwards made that the body was shipped east without a request for this purpose. The Master produced the telegram from the Master of the eastern lodge, and the discussion ended.

"This is a very important matter and should be discussed until some definite rule is worked out. The western lodges want to do their duty and will keep trying, but it is a fruitful source of vexation to be informed that the bills will not be paid because they are excessive."

We are glad to have this information, and we trust that our brethren of the subordinate lodges of Iowa will take note of the conditions prevailing in some of the northwestern states with regard to the expense of giving relief.

In his review of the Proceedings of the state of Kentucky, he makes use of the following apt quotation:

"By the stillside on the hillside in Kentucky all is still,
For the only damp refreshment must be dipped up from the rill.
No'th C'lina's stately ruler gives his soda glass a shove,
And discusses local option with the South C'lina Gov.
It is useless at the fountain to be winkful of the eye,
For the cocktail glass is dusty and the South is going dry.

"All the nightcaps now have tassels and are worn upon the head,
Not the nightcaps that were taken when nobody went to bed,
And the breeze above the blue grass is as solemn as is death,
For it bears no pungent clove-tange on its odoriferous breath,
And each man can walk a chalk-line when the stars are in the sky
For the fizz-glass is fizzless and the South is going dry."

We poor people here in the state of Iowa are very much in the situation of the poor tramp who had to solace himself with smelling of the empty bottle. This at least is the state of affairs since our prohibitory laws began to be rigorously enforced. And we are in a position to sympathize with the wail of our Kentucky friend who voices his parching thirst in the rhyme above given.

Brother Lewers speaks wittily on the subject of "perpetual jurisdiction" when he comes to review the Proceedings of the state of Massachusetts. On this subject he has to say:

"Sometimes men can not get into a lodge in the place they are living, and the lodge acquires an entailed walking estate interest in the unhappy mortal wherever he wanders and as long as he lives. Let us broaden the application of the principle and see how it will work. The said John Jones courts a fair belle in said town and meets with an unfavorable ballot. She has perpetual jurisdiction over him wherever he roams, and home he must come, persuade her to reverse judgment—get his bride—and then get a dimit (divorce) and marry the girl he met while away and whom he really loves. Suppose he

ran for office and the voters of his town get a perpetual rejected candidate interest in him, so that he can not run for office in Oregon or Kalamazoo without returning to his native heath to win out."

He concludes his report with the following words which will strike a chord of sympathy in the breast of every scribe of the round table when he says:

"The writer is perforce of circumstances a volunteer reviewer and has done the work because he is a sincere believer in the necessity of having a Correspondence Report. We learn by observing others and the experiences of other jurisdictions are always of importance in spreading Masonic light.

"We have reviewed all the reports at hand and are sorry that some jurisdictions are left out because the reports were missing.

"We have derived an immense amount of valuable information in running over the reports as carefully as a reviewer must, and have found it of great use in preparing our address as Grand Master."

This is one of the smallest volumes it has been our good fortune to review, and yet it is a publication packed full of interesting matter to the reading Mason.

New Brunswick.

(1907.)

Most Worshipful John S. D. Chipman, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful John V. Ellis, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, St. John, August 25, 1908.

This volume of Proceedings is nicely printed in clear type and on good paper. We regret, however, that greater pains was not taken in providing the various subjects treated with sub-headings in large type, so as to make these subjects more readily accessible to the reviewer.

This, however, is a fault that the Grand Secretary can easily correct in his next Proceedings if he is so disposed.

The annual address of the Grand Master, Edwin J. Everett, is a business-like document, showing its author to be a man possessed of considerable executive ability, and shows the craft to be in a prosperous condition in New Brunswick.

In the Secretary's report we notice that the Grand Master issued ten dispensations during the year "to wear regalia at divine services." We have commented at length upon this matter in our review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Florida, Indiana, and Canada, and what we say there will apply here.

In view of the fact that the question of physical perfection and "the perfect youth doctrine" furnish much material for discussion

among Masonic reviewers, the following letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England will be of interest as showing the attitude of this famous Grand Lodge on the question:

“FREEMASONS’ HALL, LONDON, W. C., February 24, 1875.

“DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—According to the promise made in my note of the 2d inst., I submitted your letter of the 1st inst. to the Board of General Purposes at their meeting on Tuesday in the last week. The Board feel that it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the initiation of a candidate not perfect in his body as required in Article 4, Ancient Charges, page 6, Constitutions. I am directed to say that the general rule in this country is to consider a candidate eligible for election who, although not perfect in his limbs, is sufficiently so to comply with and go through the various ceremonies required in the different degrees.

“Each case of this description must be decided on its own merits by the members of the lodge to whom the candidate is personally known, subject to the investigation and approval of the Master of the lodge, who is, of course, *officially responsible that the candidate was in a condition to comply with the above named requirements.*

“I am, dear sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,

“JOHN HERVEY, *Grand Secretary.*”

The statement of the rule as outlined in this letter seems to be founded in reason, and we are ready to give it our hearty endorsement and approval.

The Committee on “Changes in the Funeral Service” reported a new funeral service for use in the lodge and at the grave, and we are glad to note that many of the gloomy and gruesome passages of the older service have been eliminated and replaced with others of a brighter and more hopeful strain.

From this report we quote the following extract as indicative of the beauty of this new service:

“The evergreen, or sprig of acacia, is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded of our high and glorious destiny beyond the world of shadows, and that there dwells in this tabernacle of clay an imperishable, immortal spirit over which the grave has no dominion and death no power.”

On the question of “good standing” a resolution was passed, introduced, and acted upon as follows:

“That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that no one should be a member of a Chapter or Encampment who is not a member in good standing in a Blue Lodge, and that this Grand Lodge memorialize the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick and the Great Priory of Canada to have such a regulation carried into effect in their respective bodies.

“The motion was very generally debated, and on being put to Grand Lodge was declared lost.”

We regret very much that this motion was not carried, as we believe the carrying out of such a motion would conduce greatly to the prosperity and harmony of the Masonic bodies in New Brunswick.

The rule therein announced is the one universally followed within all of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States.

It seems that in New Brunswick when the annual election of officers is to be held that tellers are appointed to take up the ballot, and that these tellers go under the name of "scrutineers," and that these scrutineers are sworn to faithfully perform their duties before being given charge of the ballot.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick granted fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, but took further time to act upon the applications of the Grand Lodges of Guatamala, Chili, and Paraguay for like recognition.

We find in these Proceedings no report reviewing the Proceedings of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions.

New Hampshire.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Frederick W. Sawyer, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frank D. Woodbury, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Harry M. Cheney, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Concord, May 19, 1909.

The title page of this volume of Proceedings discloses to us the features of William Alberto Plummer, and a fine vigorous face it is. We judge him to be a man of keen, incisive intellect, clear-headed on all occasions, cool and collected in an emergency, of serene temperament, not easily ruffled, a man possessed of tremendous energy, and withall a forcible and eloquent speaker.

This is what we read in this face, and the brethren of New Hampshire will be able to tell whether or no we read aright.

The custom of holding a semi-annual communication is a queer one, as we have but the one big annual gathering each year. But the brethren of New Hampshire evidently derive much profit from their semi-annual meeting, and it no doubt has the effect of more closely cementing the friendships made by the brethren in the Grand Lodge, and of giving the cause of Masonry an added impulse and inspiration in that state.

A special communication was held during the year for the purpose of dedicating the lodge hall of Strafford Lodge, No. 29, and Moses Paul Lodge, No. 96, at which a large number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers attended. There were over seven hundred Masons present. The oration was delivered by Brother George I. McAllister, Past Grand Master, and at the close of the ceremonies a lunch was served in the banquet hall, and the remainder of the evening spent in listening to short talks by the Grand Officers and visiting brothers, interspersed with appropriate musical numbers.

A group picture of the elective Grand Officers shows us the strong features and stalwart forms of six good men and true, who have in charge the destinies of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. When we look at their rich aprons with their fine wide borders, and the golden collars from which magnificent jewels are suspended, our own simple apron and jewels of our Grand Lodge seem quite severe and plain by contrast.

The annual communication was attended by a full set of Grand Officers, and what is much more significant to us, by twelve Past Grand Masters and twenty-two Past Deputy Grand Masters. It is most gratifying to notice how the veterans of the Grand Lodge still "rally 'round the flag."

During the year the Grand Master issued an official edict positively forbidding "the sale, purchase, loan, or use of any printed books purporting to contain in whole or in part the esoteric work and lectures prescribed by the Grand Lodge," which edict he sent to each lodge, directing that the same be read in open lodge and strictly enforced.

We cannot but heartily recommend this action. Nothing but disaster to the order can result from the use of printed rituals, for when printed rituals are resorted to they inevitably lead to the reading of the work direct from the printed page, and to that laziness of mind that refuses to commit the beautiful lines of the ritual and to a parrot-like reading of them which causes them very soon to lose all their impressive force. We believe that every good and true Mason who has been compelled to commit the ritual has afterward had occasion time and again to rejoice in that fact.

Among the decisions rendered by the Grand Master was the following:

"Question. Is a man whose foot is artificial, and whose leg down from about half way from knee to ankle is artificial, eligible for the degrees of Freemasonry?

"Answer. No, he is not. Such a man cannot be readily and naturally instructed in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, so far as the steps of the degrees are concerned. (See Proceedings Grand Lodge, 1877, page 18; 1878, page 20; decisions in address of Grand Master, Grand Lodge Proceedings 1901, 1902, 1905, and 1907)."

The letter of this decision may be all right, but we must confess that we are wholly out of sympathy with its spirit. For the life of use we cannot see why a candidate cannot take the steps with an artificial foot, as well as with a natural one. True Masonry does not consist in external qualifications, but in internal qualifications. When a man who has become a Mason loses his foot, or even all of his hands and feet, it does not make him one whit less a Mason, all of which goes to show that it is not upon the possession of a natural foot that a man depends for his Masonry. As long as a man's artificial foot answers all the purposes of a natural foot, excepting getting cold in the winter time, we don't see why that artificial foot is not as much his foot as was the one with which he was born.

We are reminded in this instance of a case which occurred within our own Grand Jurisdiction. Brother D. B. Henderson, who for years served as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, had not only lost his foot but his leg as well, yet the brethren proceeded to initiate him, artificial leg and all, and gladly took the slight reprimand that was given to the lodge by the Grand Lodge after the "harm" was done. In after years Brother Henderson proved to be a most distinguished and worthy brother Mason and died respected, honored, and loved by his brethren for his many genuine Masonic virtues, and was buried with full Masonic honors.

Will it not look strange for us to continue to lay such tremendous emphasis upon excellence of inward moral and spiritual character as the true test of fitness for membership in our order, and at the same time object to taking into our fold a good and true man simply because he is unfortunate enough to have a wooden leg?

The Grand Master concludes his fine address with the following appeal to his brethren, an appeal which ought to meet with a quick response in the heart of every good Mason:

"But we should not be satisfied with our present condition, for when a man or an institution becomes satisfied, then growth and progress stop, and decline and decay begin.

"Let us not only in the lodge-room, but when abroad in the world, by precept and example show that we practice the noble principles of our ancient and honorable institution. 'Exemplary conduct on our part will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges.'

"Let us strive to maintain in a higher degree than ever 'those truly Masonic ornaments, brotherly love, relief, and truth.' Let the volume of the Sacred Law be truly the great light in our profession, and the guide of our lives, and let us ever remember that, although we are linked together by sacred and indissoluble ties, still we are members of the great brotherhood of man, and as such should be ever ready to discharge our duties towards our fellowmen."

The Committee on Correspondence reviewed the Proceedings of sixty different Grand Lodges at home and abroad, and Brother Harry M. Cheney has turned out, as chairman of this committee, 168 pages of most interesting material, devoting four of these pages to a review of our Proceedings for 1907.

He quotes from the response of Grand Master Cleveland to the address of welcome given us by the brethren at Clinton, saying that the quotation "gives an inkling of the high character of the speeches." He says of Grand Master Cleveland's annual address: "It is a splendid effort and was enthusiastically received."

He "brands" Brother Cleveland "as the right kind of a Grand Master:"

"He went, whenever he could, where he was needed, to perform the duties of his office, and made numerous lodge visitations. He seems to have dodged nothing. He was Grand Master in fact as well as in name—the kind that is most helpful, the only kind deserving this high preferment."

Brother Cheney says many kind things about Brother Clark's Report on Fraternal Correspondence, and explains that the semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire is in fact New Hampshire's annual School of Instruction, and adds the following:

"To this we add a yearly visitation to every lodge, by the District Deputy Grand Master and by the District Grand Lecturer, the degree work being criticised or commended by the latter officer. The two together have brought about a perfection in work throughout the state that cannot be surpassed—astonishingly so. We now hope what we do is a little clearer to our Iowa brother. It is our way, and it is a successful way. Its abandonment would be to us unthinkable. We like it."

We would say to Brother Cheney that his explanation is amply satisfactory, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire upon its possession of this plan.

We note what Brother Cheney says about the administration of Masonic charity by means of a Masonic Home.

Now that New Hampshire has gotten started on the Masonic Home method very little good can come of criticising them for it. However, it is the same old argument between charity administered in a confessedly charitable institution, and charity quietly and secretly administered in the home of the needy individual. One plan makes the recipient a public object of charity, and cannot help but hurt his pride, while the other helps him in a quiet, secret way, enables him to preserve his self respect in the eyes of the world.

One thing, at least, is certain, and that is that there is nothing humiliating to the needy and suffering about the Iowa plan.

New Jersey.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Benjamin F. Wakefield, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful John A. Collins, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication at Trenton, July 21, 1909.

If the fine steel engraving which prefaces these Proceedings gives a true picture of Grand Master Austen Hall McGregor, then the Grand Lodge of New Jersey can indeed congratulate itself, for the face that shines out upon us is that of a clean, kindly, strong, and noble man.

A full corps of officers attended the opening of the Grand Lodge, including eleven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 172 chartered lodges, there being only nine lodges in the entire Grand Jurisdiction who were not represented. The Grand Master's address is a fine production, covering thirty closely printed pages.

Speaking of the purpose of the assembly, he says:

"We have come here to transact the business of the Grand Lodge and to learn anew that the high mission of a Freemason is to be ever ready to serve a brother, and to make Masonry the greatest force in the world for all that relates to pure and noble friendship."

And referring to the city of Trenton, in which the Grand Lodge was held, he reminds his brethren of its historic significance in the following words:

"Here it was, my brethren, that the battle was fought which turned the Revolutionary War from a retreat and rout into an advance and mighty victory. It was our beloved and immortal brother, George Washington, aided by his Masonic generals, who here, on Christmas day, 1776, won the memorable battle and sent the Masonic principle of liberty on its career across the centuries with flying banners. To the mind of a Mason we owe the most beautiful flag ever unfurled beneath God's approving sky; largely to the wisdom and loyalty of Masons we owe the first real republic the world has ever known; and all down the years the members of our ancient and honorable craft have stood hard by the rudder of this good ship of state and steered it away from the rocks of disaster and kept it on its prosperous way."

Speaking of Masonry as a patriotic force, he waxes eloquent in the following language:

"The four cardinal virtues of our craft are, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice. Put them and keep them under the four corners of any nation, and how majestically it will rise and how eternally it will stand. To do this splendid thing is one of the constant aims of our fraternity. This fraternity, to which we have given our solemn allegiance, watches over the destinies of the republic with jealous and most omniscient eye. It is here to see that no insidious foe throttles our liberties or undermines our cherished institutions. It is behind the free public schools, the separateness of church and state, the freedom of the press, and freedom of speech. Masonry is also a progressive force. It is anxious at all times to have its members know the truth and be set free from the shackles of superstition and ignorance. Whatever the times have to offer to men of red blood and vigorous thought and pure ambitions, Masonry is willing and eager to have them receive. The ideal Mason is a full-grown man, patriotic, intelligent, reverent, devoted to home, alert in business, and an unfailing friend. He will always be found on the side of his country, his race, and his God."

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution offered by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence duly recognizing the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The same committee recommended that the Grand Lodges of Paraguay, Chili, Greece, and the Argentine Republic be *not* recognized until it be clearly ascertained that they were possessed of "certain elementary qualifications" which they deem to be necessary before affording them such recognition, and this action on their part has our hearty commendation, as nothing can be gained by hasty action in an all-important matter of this kind. The ancient land-

marks should be carefully guarded and the Grand Lodge should be satisfied that a foreign body is in every way worthy before affording it Masonic recognition.

We note that the Grand Lodge was compelled to amend its Constitution in order to reduce its representation, for that "by reason of its large membership it was becoming an unwieldy body."

It is apparent from this that the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate lodges of New Jersey have been enthusiastic attendants at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, and speaks well for Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction.

One of the fine and noble things done by this Grand Lodge was the making of an annual appropriation of substantial sums to its retiring Grand Treasurer, as well as to its retiring Grand Secretary, as a recognition of years of faithful service in behalf of the Grand Lodge and of Masonry in the state of New Jersey, the annual appropriation being continued during the lifetime of these veteran Masons.

The Grand Lodge during the year convened in emergent communication for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a church, of a Garfield monument, as well as of a court house.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Robert A. Sheriffs, who comments in a facetious way about Grand Master Cleveland's struggle with "the full moon schedule."

If we could only persuade every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to read the comments of the various Committees on Fraternal Correspondence on this full moon matter, I believe it would result in the abolishing of the full moon schedule, which in our opinion would be a blessing for the craft generally. He compliments Past Grand Master Clark on his fine report as our Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The report covers 200 pages of printed matter and is a most exhaustive and intensely interesting review of the progress of Masonry, not only in the United States, but in foreign climes as well, and the review of Brother Adolph Klee of the progress of Masonry in the German Empire is especially well written and of great interest.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey is certainly to be congratulated on having two such hard workers and able writers on its Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

New Mexico.

(1907.)

Most Worshipful James W. Wilson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful James H. Wroth, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Albuquerque, October 19, 1908.

A very interesting note occurs at the bottom of the first page of these Proceedings informing us that delegates from central portions of the jurisdiction were twenty-four hours late, due to delayed trains, having traveled *eight hundred miles*.

This is certainly making a long journey for the purpose of attending a Masonic Grand Lodge.

This session of the Grand Lodge was not only attended by a full roster of Grand Officers, but the great army of "has-beens" showed their loyalty by turning out seventy strong, that being the number of Past Grand Officers in attendance.

In view of the fact that in our own Grand Jurisdiction we belong to this number ourselves, we believe we have a right to allude to it in these terms.

We quote the following decision of Grand Master Pratt in full, believing it to be of considerable interest:

"Question. In the latter part of 1906, and at a regular meeting of this lodge, an application was received for the degrees, and duly referred to the proper committee. Before the next regular meeting took place, an objection was secretly made to the Worshipful Master against the party who made the application. At the meeting the Worshipful Master stated that an objection had been made, and ordered the committee not to report until further notice, and the objection spread upon the minutes of that meeting, omitting, of course, the name of the objector. On December 27, 1906, a new Worshipful Master was duly installed, the old Worshipful Master retiring. At our last meeting, February 23, 1907, the Worshipful Master was asked if any objection was made to him against the party who had made the application. He replied there was none, and he did not think it was necessary as an objection was made to the old Worshipful Master and should stand until released. The contention was then made how would he know when one came forward to release the objection that he was the proper person to do so, as the retiring Worshipful Master had not given him the name of the objector? The law says that an objection shall be made to the Worshipful Master. The one to whom the objection was made is not now Worshipful Master, and there is nothing to show the Worshipful Master who the objector is. Your decision on this subject is awaited. Should not the name of the objector be given to the present Worshipful Master?

"Answer. Your Worshipful Master is correct in his decision; the objection holds with the same force as a black ball. The objection may be withdrawn. Now, regarding this, my opinion is the objection may be withdrawn in the following manner: The objector may go to the last Past Master and state to him that he withdraws the

objection made to him and he (the last Past Master) to the present Master, or the objector may come to your present Master and, on his statement that he was the objector, withdraw it in that manner. The present Master would then make the announcement to the lodge that the objection was withdrawn."

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address, which in New Mexico performs the function of our Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, commented upon this decision in the following words:

"It is the opinion of your committee that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has not answered question No. 10. This question is: 'Should not the name of the objector be given to the present Worshipful Master?' We think it should. In our opinion an objection of this nature should not be permitted to stand indefinitely. A rejected applicant for the degrees in Masonry has, in this jurisdiction, the right to renew his application annually. Therefore, an objector to the acceptance of a candidate should renew his objection annually, or the same ceases to be in effect."

We are unable to agree wholly with either the Grand Master or the committee.

We don't believe that it is enough for the objector to go to only one of the Masters of the lodge, either Past or Present, and say he withdraws his objection. We feel that this objection ought to have the force of a black ball, and that the only way that the rejected brother should be allowed to enter the order should be by a new application made to the lodge, referred to the committee, and balloted upon in the same manner as his first application.

After an objection has been recorded it cannot be withdrawn any more than a black ball that has been cast.

We cannot agree with the committee for we see no reason why the name of the objector should be given to the present Master. We believe that the fact that the lodge records show to the present Master that the brother has been stopped by objection duly made to his predecessor in office is enough, and that it is none of his business who the former objector was.

We do agree with the committee, however, to the effect that an objection of this nature should not be permitted to stand indefinitely, and that a rejected applicant for the degrees should have the right to renew his application. But we do believe that the objection should stand *until* such time as the rejected candidate is unanimously elected pursuant to a new application made by him.

In closing his fine annual address Grand Master Pratt makes a plea for the working out of the principles of Masonry in the daily walks of life. It is both a plea and a prophecy of great things to come, and is well worth repeating here. He said:

"We are living in a most wonderful age, and if at times we are led to the belief that the chief impelling force is avarice, love of wealth, and grandeur; if we see strong combines of capital, and decry the graft and dishonesty of those in places of trust, let us also remember that when these things become apparent that we have a responsibility not only to our God, but to our country. That as living

in a country where we proclaim and are promised a government of the people and for the people, that we, being of the people, have something of a responsibility. I am of the belief that as evils exist and come to the light, so will the remedy come. We have our duties to perform, not only as Masons, but as representative men. If our duties cease as we close 'the lights' and leave our lodges, there would be but little in Masonry. Somewhere in a legend I have heard that the great architect who planned and built the temple for the worship of Almighty God, did not live to see the completion of the great work to which he had devoted his talent, and how often is this story repeated, and hopes disappointed, just before the completion of a work. But his work went on and the temple was completed and dedicated. Again the temple was destroyed so utterly that even the site itself is in a measure doubtful, but the worship, the spirituality, the religion, the real worship, of Almighty God has ever been the ruling spirit of the world. So shall it be with us—while we believe our creed, our craft, our ritual, our work, above it and beyond it all are the great principles embodied in it, and if these great principles, taught and embodied in our order are taken as a rule for faith and practice, practised faithfully by the members of our craft, it will have its influence in righting wrongs and making the world better by the influence we exert. We have done much; let us do more."

The Grand Secretary reports, in part, as follows: "I have purchased ten Past Grand Master's jewels, as directed, and they are ready for distribution." We can see good times in store for some of New Mexico's veterans. Up here in Iowa the Past Grand Master gets no jewel, but simply a fine Past Grand Master's apron, in exchange for which he is expected to make an impromptu speech of acceptance. We can imagine that considerable literary fire-works would be turned loose in Grand Lodge if ten apron speeches were fired off all in a bunch.

During the year three new lodges were given charters.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of Past Deputy Grand Master J. H. Wroth, who turns out 185 pages of highly readable matter, devoting ten pages to Iowa alone.

He speaks of the fact that the Grand Lodges of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah are called upon to take care of a great many foreign Masons who come to their states in search of health and are invariably ill prepared in the matter of finances, and that in this way an excessive burden is placed upon these Grand Lodges, a burden that has been borne without complaint. And he suggests that for this reason that those of us who have our brethren cared for by these Grand Lodges ought to be very patient with them and ought to cheerfully refund to them such debts as they have incurred in looking after the brethren who are rightfully not a charge upon them, but upon us who sent them there.

We are glad to have this matter called to our attention, and believe that the brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions will concede the soundness of the position taken by the brethren of these health resort states.

The work of Past Grand Master Clark as chairman of our Committee on Correspondence receives great commendation at the hands

of Brother Wroth. In fact, he finds enough meat in it to furnish him material for seven of the ten pages which he devotes to Iowa, and says in this connection:

“We have given more space to Iowa in this report for the simple reason that a great many burning questions of the day in Masonic circles have been brought out by Brother Clark in his report, and I have considered this a favorable opportunity to tell him and the rest of the world just where New Mexico stands on these propositions.”

New York.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful William Sherrer, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, May 4, 1909.

The ponderous and bulky volume of the Proceedings of the state of New York is prefaced by two portraits, one of John Jacob Astor, famous in the early life of that state, and the other of Frederick P. Morris. It is to be presumed that both of these gentlemen were Masons of rank and standing in the fraternity in that state, although it is difficult to find from the volume of these Proceedings just what their rank and position was, for the reason that names of neither one of them is to be found in the index to the Proceedings. In fact, when one considers the size and bulk of this volume, the index is very poor and meagre indeed.

It would seem when one considers the amount of valuable material of vital interest to Masons in this book that it was worthy of a complete and exhaustive index. That the Grand Lodge of New York can well afford to pay a special committee for indexing this volume clearly appears from its financial report, and in our opinion it deserves to be criticised in this respect. While it is true that we may be more or less familiar with the profane history of the great sons of New York, yet we cannot be presumed to know their Masonic affiliation and biography, and we ought to have the benefit of an index to enable us to discover the reason for publishing these portraits in the opening pages of this volume of Proceedings.

It is the custom of most Grand Secretaries to place on the front or back cover of their books the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for the current year, as well as the Committee on Correspondence and the time and place fixed for the assembling of the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. But in the case of the great state of New York we find these lacking.

The address of the Grand Master takes up full one hundred pages of the volume, and is in our opinion such an effort as was to be expected of the officer presiding over the biggest and strongest Grand Lodge in the United States.

Speaking of the indestructible nature of the craft, he says:

"We mark that the proudest monuments of art have crumbled into ruins; revolutions have succeeded revolutions; countries have been devastated by fire and sword; thrones have been prostrated; kingdoms overthrown, and empires blotted from the map of nations; yet the lights of Freemasonry have continued to burn and to serve as beacons to its brethren amid the universal gloom and darkness that surrounded them."

He pays a tribute to the memory of Past Junior Grand Deacon Charles F. Parsons in the following eloquent language:

"He was a contractor for stone work, and it was remarked on more than one occasion that the fibre of his own make-up was like the strength and cohesive power of the granite that came under his eye for the master workmen.

"His death was tragic and sublime. In the attempt to save the life of his only son while in a boat on Long Island Sound, he was drowned. His death was the price of heroic sacrifice and a father's love. This act alone is sufficient to enroll his name among the worthiest of our great brotherhood, and his memory, like fragrant spices, will abide with us. Thus in that struggle of death to save his own flesh and blood, we believe he passed into 'the calm and peace of that world peopled by the spirits of the just made perfect.'"

During the year corner-stones were laid for a county court house, a hospital, and last but not least, the new Masonic Temple at Brooklyn. The Grand Lodge dedicated six lodge halls and temples, one memorial altar, and one monument erected by a subordinate lodge in a cemetery to the memory of its departed brethren.

An interesting story is told of the discovery made while making excavations for the subway in New York City, of the ancient corner-stone of the first Masonic hall erected there in the year 1802, inscribed upon it such names as "Morton," "Livingston," and "Van Rensselaer," so that we have here a striking incident showing that even in our comparatively modern land of America workmen grubbing among the ruins sometimes make valuable and important discoveries.

The Grand Master refers to the fact that during the past year, after a long and careful trial, a brother was sentenced for receiving improper gifts from his brethren while acting in the capacity of District Deputy Grand Master, and condemns in no uncertain terms the custom of various lodges to make hypocritical gifts to District Deputies who were comparatively unknown to many of the members of the lodge. He rightly declares that the custom tends to promote "an unworthy rivalry among the lodges, each striving to excel the others in the costliness and ostentation of the gifts."

"It bears with hardship upon the financial resources of many members and upon the treasuries of the lodges, whose funds, thus

used for improper purposes, are consequently diverted from worthy objects for which money might otherwise be appropriated. It is demoralizing as inevitably resulting in a lowering of the moral tone of all concerned therein, and a blunting of that fine sense of honor which it is one of the great aims of Masonic teachings to foster in the brethren. The tendency is steadily downward. From the unsolicited receipt of a gift it is but a step to sending to the lodge by a District Deputy of what might be termed 'advance agents' who inform the lodges what particular form of gift is desired by the District Deputy, and which on the night of his official visit he receives with many hypocritical expressions of surprise. It was logical and inevitable that sooner or later this abuse should take the form of bargaining for some emolument in return for the use of influence or the performance of some official act by the District Deputy Grand Master."

It is needless to say that every good and true Mason will heartily endorse the positive stand taken by Grand Master Scudder on this question.

In another place he says:

"Not more so than heretofore, but all too frequently, we find Masonry used as a medium of advertising the business of some individual or combination of individuals. And it sometimes happens that some such enterprise seeks by questions addressed to the Secretaries of lodges information upon the standing of men whom it is endeavoring to allure through Masonic affiliations. I caution the craft against giving out such information promiscuously, and believe that it will be to the interest of the fraternity to discourage, as far as we can, and, if possible, to secure legislation forbidding the use of the word 'Masonic' in connection with any enterprise other than that embracing the legitimate sale of Masonic goods."

We heartily commend his recommendation suggesting legislation to cure the evil and believe that such legislation ought to be enacted by every Grand Lodge throughout the world. The Mason who uses the fraternity for the purpose of business graft is unworthy the name.

Over \$8,000 was returned by the Grand Master of California as the unexpended portion of the San Francisco relief fund contributed by the Masons of the state of New York, and this balance was, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, turned over to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and it was ordered that so much thereof as might not be demanded back by those lodges or brethren who contributed to said fund should be applied to the benefit of Masonic orphans. We venture to believe that very little, if any, of this fund was "demanded back" by either the lodges or the brethren.

A very fine address was delivered by Brother Clarence A. Barbour, Past Grand Chaplain, on the subject "The Upright Man and Mason." In the course of the address he quoted Prof. William Carruth's famous poem entitled "Each in His Own Name."

It is remarkable to notice in reading the Proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the world how this poem has appealed to Masonic speakers and writers everywhere. It is simply another

evidence of the fact that there are certain fine and high sentiments that find immediate response in the hearts of the great leaders of our glorious craft. It appealed so strongly to Dr. Albertson, a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York, that he himself added lines to the poem which Brother Barbour says "deserve to stand with the original verses." Inasmuch as we agree with him we propose to assist in the dissemination of these additional verses by printing them in our report. Here they are:

"A 'still small voice' in childhood,
A beckoning hand in youth,
An impulse prompting justice,
A heart inclined to truth;
A firm resolve to follow
The path where saints have trod—
Some of us call it Conscience,
And others call it God.

"A will to face the darkness
Of life's fast setting sun,
An uncomplaining spirit,
When the race of life is run;
Or we lay our best-loved treasure
Beneath the mounded sod—
Some of us call it Courage,
And others call it God."

Brother Barbour is himself a most eloquent speaker, and we take pleasure in quoting the following extract from his fine and noble address:

"May we be delivered from the apprenticing our whole faculties to ourselves, to live and die on principals purely mercantile, to make it our chief endeavor to reap the greatest crop from the present and drop the scantiest seeds for the future, to make the largest use of men, rendering back the smallest service in return. My brothers, we may, the humblest of us, be useful, be centers of good cheer. Perhaps very few eyes will be wet for us, and they not for long, while others with less opportunities than ourselves have gone down to the grave amid the benedictions of the poor. Shall we not strive to rise, and to lift others out of self-complacency into service, out of brooding upon our own deserts, and bitterness because they may not be as fully recognized as we think they ought, into such a life as is described by the words concerning Jesus of Nazareth, 'He went about doing good?' Depend upon it, only such a life finds the genuine meaning of life, only such a life finds the joy of living, only such a life is worthy of the ideals that are held before us."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, which covers 117 pages of this volume, is one of the best and finest that it has ever been our pleasure to peruse, and we are especially pleased with the report on the union of Grand Lodges of Germany. Speaking of our own Grand Jurisdiction he quotes with approval passages from the address of Grand Master Cleveland and expresses regret for the retirement of Brother Morcombe from the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

The review of Iowa is very brief, but it at least contains no word of criticism or blame, and for this much at least we can be truly grateful.

A special committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and Code of Procedure, and made a report submitting a carefully pre-

pared draft of a new Constitution and Code, which we have examined with a great deal of interest. In our opinion it is a master piece of Masonic law, and we are especially pleased with the logical arrangement of the different subjects treated. This committee evidently had a clear, strong grasp of the exact nature of its task, and performed its work faithfully and well. We quote with interest the preamble of this Constitution which treats of the Masonic creed and Masonic teaching. It is as follows:

“MASONIC CREED.

“There is one God and Father of all men.

“The Holy Bible is a Divine Revelation, the rule and guide for faith and practice.

“Man is immortal.

“Character determines destiny.

“Man’s love of man is, next to love of God, man’s first duty.

“Prayer, communion of man with God, is helpful.

“MASONIC TEACHING.

“Masonry teaches man the practice of charity and benevolence, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles and reverence the sacraments of religion, assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar, support the government, encourage wisdom, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His mercy, and hope for happiness and immortality.”

North Carolina.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Francis D. Winston, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful John A. Collins, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Raleigh, January 12, 1909.

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held at the city of Raleigh on January 14, 1908, the Grand Lodge being called to order at 7:30 o’clock in the evening, a custom prevailing in that Grand Jurisdiction that will strike us as peculiar.

Grand Master Winston in his annual address called attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was one of the oldest in America, having been formed before North Carolina entered the Union of states.

The Grand Master reports—

“Frequent requests from the Croatan Indians to be made Masons. They proceed on the idea that the Grand Master can set up and insti-

tute a lodge peculiar for them. To these requests I have replied that the only way to test whether they are qualified is by application to the nearest lodge, and that their fitness and qualifications could then be brought to the deciding power for his opinion. They occupy a unique position in the history of North Carolina. Possibly they perpetuate the touching of the first keel on the sandy shore of our state. Their traditions and localism certainly trace to the dawn of Anglo-Saxon life on Roanoke Island. It is not in the power of this fraternity to set apart lodges for any race. Masonry is universal, and its votary must be qualified by birth, by race, by character, and physical perfection to join any lodge anywhere."

He shows his respect for Masonic law and tradition in the following language:

* " 'The Grand Master is supreme' is an idea held in reverence by me, but the supremacy of the Grand Master and the good of the craft can be maintained best by acting within constitutional limits. A strict enforcement of the law which your wisdom writes is best for Masonry."

He will find a ready response in the heart of every Past Grand Master when he says:

"There is little need for the decision of the Grand Master if those who seek it will examine the Code and Digest. I have answered most of the questions submitted to me by simple reference to the Masonic Code, giving page and section. I repeat with emphasis my recommendation of a year ago that the law requiring the Grand Lodge Proceedings to be read in open lodge be complied with, and I also recommend that at least one regular communication of each subordinate lodge be set apart as a 'Code and Digest night,' when the Master can have both read to the brethren for their information. I believe that no question should be submitted to the Grand Master for decision until the lodge asking it certifies under seal that the officers have carefully examined the Code and Digest and do not find the question decided in either."

It would seem that our own Grand Jurisdiction could profit by enacting this recommendation into its own Code.

Speaking of the Masonic Orphan Asylum maintained at Oxford in that state, the Grand Master says: "I would photograph the health and bloom upon the cheeks of the more than three hundred children there, health and bloom that followed after and supplanted the paleness of want and sorrow."

Four new lodges were chartered.

The report of the Committee on Necrology is a comparatively short but very beautiful tribute, straight from the heart of Brother F. M. Moye. One passage I cannot refrain from quoting:

"Let no kind word or deed be omitted that would cheer the heart of a disconsolate brother and assist him in his journey over life's rough and rugged road. In the beautiful words of another: Let each parting from a brother be as pleasant as you can make it. Don't leave your flowers on your brother's grave, but sprinkle a few now in his darkened, saddened path, stained it may be by the blood of his struggling, mangled feet. Gladden the sore heart here and now by the word of cheer, the hand of help. Whatever you are to do for

your brethren, for your friends, do it now. The opportunity may pass never to return. In the gleaming light of the blazing letter in the east, let us learn anew that God is love."

The Grand Lodge appointed a committee to report on the advisability of a general celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, 1717, and a committee was appointed to take up the matter with all other Grand Lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico be not recognized, and the recommendation was adopted.

By a unanimous vote the Grand Lodge voted to Past Grand Master Moye a duplicate of the Past Grand Master's jewel, which he lost in "the disastrous fire at Hickory a few months since." Evidently Brother Moye has a secure place in the hearts of his brethren.

North Carolina has a custom of having an annual address made by an officer known as a Grand Orator, and if the address delivered by Brother Busbee, who officiated on this occasion, can be taken as a standard, the custom is a fine one and ought to be established in every Grand Lodge. I can quote but a few paragraphs:

"I fear that even those who are most familiar with the words sometimes give too little heed to the moral significance of the lessons so beautifully taught and illustrated by our symbols.

"Just as in the Wagner operas, there runs through the entire music a *motif*, or special strain of music which greets the entrance of every leading character, continuing while he is on the stage, so in Masonry the ineffable strain of love, divine and human, ought to be heard in every Masonic body, and to be the echo of every Masonic heart."

During the year the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stones of three graded schools, three churches, and of a Masonic temple at Raleigh costing \$100,000. If the plans are carried out this temple will be paid for by the Masons alone in annual installments of \$2.00 a year for the next five years, by voluntary subscription.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence covers 120 closely printed pages, but Iowa is not mentioned. Can it be that they failed to get a copy of our Proceedings?

North Dakota.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Sylvester J. Hill, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Henry G. Vick, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Grand Forks, June 22, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings is embellished by a number of fine portraits, including those of John Riessbeck, Grand Master, and John F. Selby and Robert M. Carothers, both Past Grand Masters and both members of the Jurisprudence Committee, who died during the year within a month of each other.

In his annual address the Grand Master says:

"The past year has been a prosperous one for Ancient Craft Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the extension of Masonic light has kept pace with the material development of this great commonwealth. In a little more than a decade the number of lodges in the state has nearly doubled. In 1897, when I first attended the communication of the Grand Lodge, there were forty-six chartered lodges, while at the present time there are eighty-two in this Grand Jurisdiction, and seven lodges under dispensation."

One corner-stone was laid during the year, being that for a new school house. The corner-stone, we are told, was laid by "Brother Ransom Hall, 32°, K. C. C. H.," as the Deputy of the Grand Master for that occasion. We belong to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite ourselves, but at the same time we do not think it is good taste for the Grand Master to make use of Scottish Rite titles in mentioning brethren who are doing official work in York Rite Masonry, as the Blue Lodge Mason in this connection should be willing to travel under his York Rite titles without other recognition.

The following decision will be of interest to the craft at large:

"Statement of Facts.—Regular meeting January 28, 1908, petition of Mr. A. was received and referred.

"Regular meeting February 25th, committee reported favorably, ballot was spread and, upon examination, the Wardens and Master found the ballot to be clear and Mr. A. was declared elected.

"At the regular meeting, March 10, 1908, it was understood that Mr. A. would present himself for initiation. Lodge was opened and the order of business proceeded with. When the order of business, 'Work Conferring Degrees,' was announced by the Master Brother F. moved as follows:

"'Worshipful Master, I have been informed that at our last regular meeting an illegal ballot was taken. I now move that the Master appoint a committee of three (Past Masters, if possible), to whom I may report in private what has been told to me, the committee to report to the lodge.' The motion was seconded by Brother G. and was carried by the lodge. The Master appointed as such committee Brothers B., C., and D., to whom Brother F. reported as follows: 'I have been told by Brother B., who acted Senior Deacon at our meet-

ing of February 25th, that he saw, when removing the balls from the box that an unfavorable ballot had been cast.' Upon consulting the Code, the committee ruled that the candidate stood elected. Brother B. then stated to the committee that he had himself cast a black ball, was sure that he had done so, and sure that he had seen it in the box when removing the evidence of the ballot. The Master and Wardens were then called, who stated that they are well satisfied that the ballot was clear. The Master then postponed the conferring of the degree until the ruling of the Grand Master should be obtained.

“Question. Is the candidate elected and entitled to the degrees; if not, how shall we proceed?

“Answer. No. We must take into consideration the intent of the brother who stated that he cast the black ball. The very fact that he stated he did so showed his intention even if he might have made the mistake and picked up a white ballot when he intended to use a black one, which, no doubt, was the case, else the officers who examined the ballot could not have found it clear.”

On this decision the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence ruled adversely to the Grand Master, stating its conclusion in the following language:

“This decision is disapproved. The ballot once spread, inspected, and declared is final. It cannot be attacked at a subsequent meeting by collateral evidence. It is the duty of the Master, upon declaring the ballot, to destroy it; and upon the declaration of the Master, after the inspection of the ballot, the candidate is elected and entitled to the degrees, if the ballot is clear.”

The question arises: What can the brother do to protect his rights when the Master and the Warden of the lodge enter into a conspiracy to count the ballot as clear, when as a matter of fact it was cloudy? We had one such case arise within our own jurisdiction, and in that case the brother not having the courage to present an objection to the advancement of the candidate, he was allowed to be initiated the same night he was elected.

The brother casting the black ball is under obligation not to disclose the nature of his ballot, and yet how can he call attention to the illegal counting without so doing, when the ballot in most cases is destroyed before any one but the Master and Wardens gets a chance to examine it? This is a very close question, and it is pretty hard to tell whether one ought to agree with the ruling of the Grand Master or that of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

In the Grand Secretary's report we find the following, which we heartily endorse:

“The longer we are in this work, the more we are impressed that the most important office in the lodge is that of Secretary, but it seems to be the office least appreciated. We also find that the most prosperous lodges are those having the most efficient Secretaries. Whether it be co-incidental or not, we will leave others to infer. We wish it were so that Secretaries would attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge. We believe it would have an immense tendency to stimulate better work, more accurate work, and to harmonize and unify the details of lodge transactions, not only among all lodges

themselves, but with the methods of the office of the Grand Secretary. In other words, it would add a spirit of progress to lodges, and for which there is plenty of room."

The brethren of Iowa will be interested in noting the effort which is being made by North Dakota in the matter of accumulating a Masonic Library. In this connection the Grand Secretary reports as follows:

"During the past year 206 volumes upon miscellaneous subjects have been purchased, and are classified under our extension of the Dewey Decimal system. In addition to these 138 volumes of bound Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies, and Grand Councils have been added. Proceedings of these Grand Bodies are not classified, but are arranged on the shelves according to Grand Body and year."

A fine photograph, appearing on page 621 of the Proceedings, shows the splendid start which the Grand Lodge has made towards accumulating this library. A very cheerful, pleasant room of ample dimensions is lined from floor to ceiling with a fine collection of books neatly housed in Wernecke sectional book cases.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

It seems that North Dakota has taken a new departure in the form of organizing a convention of the Secretaries of lodges, which met at Fargo and discussed a number of matters of vital interest to the craft. We believe that this plan could be followed with very profitable results by every Grand Jurisdiction and would result in a uniform system of records, financial and otherwise, which would be of great help in discharging the business of the order in each state.

No Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Ohio.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful C. S. Hoskinson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful William M. Cunningham, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Cleveland, October 20, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings, in its size, reminds us of the liberal proportions of Brother William H. Taft, who was recently created a Mason at sight in this Grand Jurisdiction. Indeed, we believe this to be the home of big Masons, for the half-length portrait of Grand Master Copeland, which adorns the opening page of the Proceedings,

shows that he comes just about as close to being a dwarf as Brother Taft does. We like this picture of Brother Copeland. It shows a fine man of large proportions, mentally and physically, if we are any judge of faces. No wonder the Grand Lodge has prospered under his jurisdiction during the past year.

The Ninty-ninth Annual Communication was opened in the Music Hall at Cincinnati, where the brethren were entertained by an organ recital by Brother John Yoakley. This was followed by a rendition of Mozart's invocation by the Scottish Rite double quartet of Cincinnati. It must have been an impressive opening ceremony.

The brethren were welcomed to the city by his Honor the Mayor, Hon. Leopold Markbreit, who "paid a most beautiful tribute to the fraternity." Several announcements were made, and then "following these announcements a party composed of fifty of the boys and girls of the Ohio Masonic Home was presented to the assembled audience and rendered a number of glees and patriotic songs, concluding with 'Home, Sweet Home,' which brought tears to the eyes of many present."

We cannot imagine how any more eloquent appeal could be made to the Grand Lodge for a hearty and continued support of the Home.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters attended this session of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then submitted his annual address, which was read by the Grand Chaplain. From this address we quote the following:

"One hundred years ago, on the 4th day of January, 1808, the representatives of a handful of lodges had met in the town of Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of Masons for the state of Ohio, and on the last days of that year were again on their way for the purpose of holding the first communication of this Grand Lodge, and on January 2, 1809, that first Grand Communication was held, the one hundredth anniversary of which we now celebrate.

"The century of Ohio Grand Lodge's sun rose in obscurity and is setting in radiant splendor. Her first communication was held in a primitive log cabin of the pioneer, and today the doors of a score of magnificent Masonic temples are swung widely open for her reception."

With regard to the matter of requests for permission to confer degrees out of time, the Grand Master makes the following comment:

"There have been the usual number of requests for permission to hurry the degrees, generally for some one who was about to go upon a long journey in different parts of the world where it might not be convenient to take the degrees, and sometimes because the regulations of foreign jurisdictions permit such haste, but I have uniformly refused such requests, for two reasons:

"1. Because if such a request does *not* show that the petitioner is actuated by some mercenary or other unworthy motive, it certainly does show that he is *not* prompted by a sincere desire to be useful to his fellowmen.

"2. When such haste is made it is impossible for the candidate to commit to memory the instructive and useful lectures pertaining to the several degrees, and I have never known a brother who has

slighted the lectures to be an active and useful member of the order, and it almost universally happens that a brother who thoroughly understands the work lectures of the degrees becomes an interested and active, useful, and whole-hearted Mason. If one does not understand the work, how can he impart it?"

We are satisfied that his position in this matter will meet with the unqualified approval of all good Masons wheresoever dispersed.

During the year the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone for two school buildings, one Masonic temple, one church, one hospital, one court house, and one public building, and dedicated ten lodge-rooms and Masonic temples. Three new lodges were constituted.

Under the head of "Charges for Degrees" the Grand Master makes a plea which ought to be read by every Mason in the world:

"It is not possible that the time will ever come when too many men are Masons, but there is always danger that too many may be initiated who are Masons only in name. At the same rate of increase as that maintained for the last few years, it will only be about half a dozen years until there are in the state of Ohio one hundred thousand Masons.

"We cannot but be concerned with the question whether we will be able to maintain the high character of our membership, in our great prosperity, as has been done in our adversity.

"There is another thing which tends to create Masons who are only indifferent members, and that is the want of impressiveness with which degrees are often conferred.

"If now-a-days a candidate is obliged to receive his degrees in a lodge which, by reason of a lack of funds, is unable to provide itself with desirable quarters and regalia, when so many other lodges are equipped for most beautiful and impressive work, it seems wrong to take his money.

"As a means of helping such lodges, and preventing bidding for candidates, I recommend that the minimum fee for conferring the three degrees of Masonry be fixed at not less than \$25, and that when a dispensation for a new lodge is granted within the jurisdiction of one or more lodges, that the fees for the degrees in the new lodge shall not be less than that charged by the lodge which makes the lowest charge within that jurisdiction."

It seems that the *Masonic Voice Review*, of Chicago, submitted to him the proposition of selecting Brother Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of Arkansas, as the Poet Laureate of Masonry, but Grand Master Copeland preferred Brother Nelson Williams, Past Grand Master, of Hamilton, Ohio, and there the matter was dropped.

A new Code of laws was adopted in the shape of a thorough revision of the old Constitution, By-laws, and Code, and the same thoroughly annotated. In this connection the Grand Master says:

"The object is to make the index very full, covering every possible reference word relating to any subject, but is not intended to be a statement of the law, but merely a reference to the place where the law can be found. We hope in this way to make it more convenient than the present Code."

We heartily commend his purpose of making the index very full. The great trouble with most indexes to Grand Lodge laws is that they

are very empty, some of them worse than none at all, and a source of aggravation to one's soul. We believe that an index should be so full and complete as to enable a brother to turn instantly to the section bearing upon the question under discussion, no matter under what head he happens to look in the index. This sort of an index is possible even if it results in the printing of an index that is as thick, if not thicker, than the Constitution itself.

We lawyers have a saying among us that has grown trite, which is: "It is not so much to know the law as to know where to find it." And you cannot find it without the right sort of an index.

The Grand Secretaries of the various Grand Jurisdictions of Masonry will bring down upon their heads the united and thrice potent blessing of all the reporters of the round table if they will see that their Proceedings are thoroughly indexed before they are published.

We are glad to note that some of the Grand Secretaries are paying better attention to this matter of indexing. But in all too many cases it still remains little more than a sham and a pretense.

The Appendix shows that during the year the Grand Master issued one hundred and two special dispensations, besides attending to his numerous other duties.

A cut on page 115 of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield shows it to be architecturally a most beautiful and imposing structure, situated on a high hill overlooking a fine landscape, and a perusal of the reports of the various officers of this institution show that its conduct and management has caused the interior atmosphere of this Home to be as beautiful as its exterior aspect.

Past Grand Master W. M. Cunningham writes the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and turns out a splendid piece of work, covering almost four hundred pages. He prefaces his work with a number of most interesting papers on the following subjects:

"Masonic Diplomas or Certificates in Great Britain."

"Masonic Diplomes or Certificates in Ireland."

"The Quatuor Coronati Lodge of England."

"Prehistoric Freemasonry."

"The Law passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts against the fraudulent use of names, title, or designations of fraternities, societies, or unions."

"Aetheistic Masonry in France."

He devotes to Iowa five pages of his report, in which he has managed to pack an exhaustive statement of all that took place at the Grand Lodge at Cedar Rapids, quoting from the annual address of the Grand Master and the annual report of the Grand Secretary and Librarian. He comments favorably on the attitude of Brother Fellows on the subject of documentary evidence of Masonic standing.

Oklahoma.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful D. D. Hoag, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful W. M. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful W. M. Anderson, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Guthrie, February 9, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings is opened by a photogravure of Earl Beebe, Grand Master for the year 1908. It is the picture of a clean-cut, intelligent man, wide-awake and possessed of great executive ability.

Oklahoma has a scheme for conducting its Grand Lodge, which, while novel, seems to be possessed of great merit. They have a special committee called "the Committee on Rules and Order of Business," which at the opening of each session outlines a program or schedule for conducting the business of the session, so that the various matters come up in their proper places and in the order of their importance.

We know that our own Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters have been in the habit of preparing such a schedule for their own use. The Oklahoma Grand Lodge, however, goes further and prepares this printed schedule, which is distributed to the membership so that the business of the Grand Lodge is dispatched expeditiously and without any waste of good time in trying to figure what is to be done next.

Deeming this schedule of sufficient importance, and believing it will be of assistance to Grand Lodges everywhere, we take pleasure in reproducing it here:

"REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

"The Committee on Rules and Order of Business then made their report, which was adopted:

"1. Congregating the Grand Lodge by Right Worshipful D. D. Hoag, Deputy Grand Master, at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, February 11, 1908.

"2. Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"3. Report of the Committee on Credentials on quorum.

"4. Opening of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"5. Delivery of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address.

"6. Appointment of the Committee on Distribution of the Grand Master's address.

"7. Reception of the Grand Representatives of sister Grand Jurisdictions.

"8. Calling from labor to refreshment until 1:30 P. M.

"9. Congregating and calling to labor at 1:30 P. M.

"10. Report of the Committee on Credentials.

"11. Appointments to fill vacancies.

- "12. Report of Committee on Distribution of Grand Master's address.
- "13. Report of Committee on Work.
- "14. Report of the Grand Secretary.
- "15. Report of the Grand Treasurer.
- "16. Report of the Committee on Masonic Home Fund.
- "17. Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
- "18. Report of Committee on Masonic Law and Usages.
- "19. Call from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m.
- "20. Congregating of the Grand Lodge and resuming labor at 7:30 p. m.
- "21. Exemplification of the third degree by the Committee on Work.
- "22. Calling from labor to refreshment until 9:00 a. m., Wednesday, February 12, 1908.
- "23. Congregating of the Grand Lodge and resuming labor at 9:00 o'clock, Wednesday, February 12, 1908.
- "24. Report of Committee on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's reports.
- "25. Report of Committee on Necrology.
- "26. Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
- "27. Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- "28. Election of Grand Lodge officers. Made a special order for 10 o'clock a. m., February 12, 1908.
- "29. Selection of place of meeting for next Grand Lodge.
- "30. Calling from labor to refreshment to 1:30 p. m.
- "31. Congregating of the Grand Lodge and resuming labor at 1:30 p. m.
- "32. Grand Orator's address. Made a special order for 1:30 p. m.
- "33. Unfinished business.
- "34. Installation of Grand Lodge officers.
- "35. Announcement of committees by the Most Worshipful Grand Master."

Among his decisions the Grand Master decided as follows:

"4. It is unmasonic for a member to disclose how he expects to vote or how he has voted on any petition for degrees or affiliation."

We heartily endorse this decision and believe that it is founded in wisdom. But what will you do with a case where there has been but one black ball cast and the Master and the two Wardens of the lodge deliberately conspire to count the ballot white, and do so count it despite the fact that it is black? In such a case what protection has the brother who cast the black ball if the law prohibits him from disclosing that he did so and that the officers have been untrue to their sworn obligation? Of course, we know that the chances for such a case arising are extremely few indeed, but we do know of one such case that occurred within our own jurisdiction.

In another case the Grand Master decided:

"The donation of money from the treasury of the lodge for the purpose of assisting in building a house for a church organization is improper."

Here again we feel that the Grand Master's decision will be unanimously endorsed by all Masons who have any clear conception of the purposes for which our order exists.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma did a noble thing when it voted to pension Past Grand Secretary James S. Hunt, who had worn himself out in the service of the Grand Lodge, by creating him an honorary Grand Secretary for life, and voting him a pension, or salary, of \$75.00 per month to be paid him for the next ensuing year, and a like salary of \$50.00 per month to be paid him thereafter to the end of his days.

Masonry in Oklahoma is growing rapidly as is evidenced by the fact that charters were granted to thirteen new lodges in that jurisdiction.

The Grand Master decided that a man with a stiff knee is physically disqualified to receive the degrees of Masonry, but the Committee on Laws and Usages, a committee which takes the place of our Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, recommended that the decision be modified by adding the words "unless he can approximate the required positions," and the committee's report was adopted by the lodge.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was prepared by the Grand Secretary, W. M. Anderson, who reviewed the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Lodges, Iowa being included in the number. He says of Grand Master Cleveland's annual address that it is "replete with good thought and information."

Commenting on our published Proceedings, he says: "We desire to commend Iowa on her report. It is neat and tasty in binding, and is printed on first-class paper, and the different headings classified on the subjects acted upon in a most intelligent manner, making them easy of access to the reviewer."

Thanks for the bouquet, Brother Anderson, but we believe that we deserve it. We have for years past taken especial pains to get out a meritorious publication, as we believe in good printing and good binding. If a thing is worth perpetuating in print, it is worth doing so with some regard to the most exacting provisions of "the art preservative." For years our work has been in the hands of a house which takes especial pride in turning out nothing but the very best product in the way of book work. We are glad to know that it is appreciated.

We have a most precise and efficient Grand Secretary, and we cannot afford to have his clean cut work spoiled by poor printing and worse binding.

In this matter of printing and binding, however, we are glad to return the compliment to Oklahoma, for while her volume is one of the smaller ones, yet from the standpoint of paper, printing, and binding it is of a high degree of excellence. We are especially pleased with the fine portrait work which is exhibited by the plates with which the volume is illustrated.

The Grand Lodge recognized the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, also the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, as well as the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada, but deferred granting fraternal recognition to the Grand Orient of Greece.

Oregon.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Ed. E. Kiddle, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful J. M. Hodson, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Portland, June 16, 1909.

On the title page of these Proceedings we find the following significant order: "Ordered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master that these Proceedings be read in each lodge immediately after the receipt thereof." And when we look into the face of Grand Master Lot L. Pearce, as it appears on the opposite page, we are satisfied that he means what he says. The picture is an excellent one and compares very favorably with those appearing as a frontispiece in other Proceedings.

The Grand Master's address is a very business-like document. In it he reports the nomination of Brother Frederick W. Stensloff, of Salem, as "Representative of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico near the Grand Lodge of Oregon," from which it will be clear that our Oregon brethren have decided to recognize the Mexico lodge as regular.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon makes the address of the Grand Orator a special feature at every annual communication. This time the oration was delivered by Brother Harvey W. Scott, and from it we quote the following:

"Proof that this order serves a permanent need of the human spirit is supplied by the continued vigor of its growth. Mere toys, or shows, or forms, will not please men from youth to age. Masonry, then, is vindicated by proofs and results. The animating principle of the order stands as an outgrowth of the purposes of our inward, individual, and social being, and as an inspiration to life and action. It vindicates its place in the work of the world."

With regard to the revision of the funeral service, the following resolution was submitted and referred to the committee at the next session:

"WHEREAS, There are certain portions of the authorized burial service of this Grand Jurisdiction that are unnecessarily gruesome, and that recall to the mourners incidents that add to their grief in place of bestowing comfort; therefore, be it—

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a revised service to be presented to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication for consideration, and be it further—

"*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Grand Lodge are authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of such revised service printed as will be needed for the consideration of the members of the Grand Lodge."

This committee reported recommending that a Committee on the Revision of the Burial Service be appointed, and directed to report at the next session.

We are constrained to believe that a good many Grand Lodges could well afford to emulate this excellent example and thoroughly eliminate all gruesome features from their burial service.

The members of no other order are so thoroughly grounded in their absolute faith of the immortality of the soul as are we Masons, and in harmony with this belief we ought not to tolerate any harrowing or gruesome features in our burial services. Too many organizations, religious and otherwise, give the lie to their faith by the expressions they use, and the conduct they manifest, during burial services held under their auspices.

Let us show the world that we believe in the immortal hope, absolutely and beyond all question, and let us make our every act consistent with this abiding faith.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of receiving a visit of a delegation from the Order of the Eastern Star, which delegation presented the Grand Lodge with an elegant bouquet of Oregon roses, which token was received with appropriate remarks by the officers of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was adopted: "No lodge is permitted to use post cards for any notices of a Masonic nature, except invitations to Masonic festivals or meetings." In view of the post card craze sweeping the country we think this action was timely and good.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence covers 150 pages. And in that part of it devoted to Iowa the committee quotes incidentally from the report of Past Grand Master Clark. He speaks of the address of Grand Master Cleveland as "a fine address, eloquent, and instructive." He says: "Grand Secretary Parvin's report is a model of excellence, not only as refers to Grand Lodge affairs in general, but as Grand Librarian in particular."

Our correspondent crosses swords with Brother Titcomb, of Alabama, as to the relative merits of Masonry and Christianity as civilizing influences, and the discussion on this subject is well worth quoting:

"The Grand Master of Colorado had called attention to the civilizing influences of Masonry and said that Masonry had in most cases preceded civilization. Brother Titcomb takes him up:

"'It will surely be conceded that Freemasonry is a great civilizer, but it cannot be successfully denied that Christianity has done a great work on that line.'

"No one would attempt to belittle the civilizing influence of true Christianity, nor even desire to do so, yet it must be acknowledged that all along its history the so-called 'Christian' nations have been deluging the earth with blood. Oppression, outrage, and tyranny have marked its progress, while no such charge can be laid to Masonry. It never shed a drop of blood, nor set one man against another. Peace and good fellowship are among its fundamentals wherever it flourished."

Pennsylvania.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful George B. Orlady, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William A. Sinn, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful James M. Lamberton, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, December 27, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings, while being the last one to reach us, ranks as the very first of them all in point of excellence as a piece of fine book work.

It is an exceeding great pleasure to the book-lover to note the clear, large type, the splendid arrangement of the subjects, the fine quality of paper, and the beautiful steel engravings and colored plates which so aptly illustrate and beautifully illuminate the volume.

A book such as this would grace the shelves of the finest libraries in the world. When Grand Secretary William A. Sinn and Grand Librarian Julius F. Sachse combine to turn out a volume of Proceedings we can rest assured that the result will be something very fine.

This volume covers four quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge, held on the first days of March, June, September, and December, and the annual communication held on the Monday following St. John's Day in December.

The opening page consists of a fine steel engraving of the world famous Masonic Temple erected by the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia in 1873, at a cost of one and one-half million dollars.

The brethren of Pennsylvania are justified in opening this volume with the picture of a building to which every American Mason points with great pride.

At the December Quarterly Communication the following incident occurred:

"During the morning session, Past Master Brother James M. Beatty, of Lodge No. 610, was fatally stricken with heart failure, and died a few minutes later in the ante-room. Announcement being made by the Grand Master, Grand Chaplain Brother James W. Robins, offered a prayer appropriate to the solemn occasion."

At this session also a memorial address relating to the death of Past Grand Master Matthias Henderson was delivered by Past Grand Master James W. Brown.

The address was a beautiful one and we regret that we cannot repeat it in full here. We will, however, take space for the following passage:

"We miss his familiar presence and his absence fills us with a yearning when we reflect he has passed beyond our power to recall. As I wandered through the upper corridor and out into the Ionic

Hall, gazing upon the portraits of our deceased Past Grand Officers, it was more and more forcibly impressed upon me that fame is, indeed, the recompense of the dead, not of the living. It is the spirit of man surviving himself in the minds and thoughts of other men, undying and imperishable.

"In this beautiful Temple we are surrounded by the works of the dead. Though gone, gone from our sight the dead are ever with us, their influence abides with us. We find ourselves thinking their thoughts and endeavoring to emulate their examples. It is not with terror but with tenderness that death should touch the human heart, touch it with a gracious sympathy, with a tender and refining sorrow. It consecrates the bonds of affection and renders the departed dearer; it gives new power and sanctity to their example and invests their virtues with a radiancy which absence alone can bestow.

"This grand fraternity has prospered under their guidance; we are connected with them by innumerable bonds which we have no desire to sever. The generation that shows little respect for the history, teachings, and precepts, the fame and memory of its ancestors, is a generation deserving to be, and likely to be forgotten and despised by posterity."

At the annual communication Grand Master George B. Orlady delivered a very scholarly address, showing considerable historical research and showing its author to be a man of wide scholastic attainment, as well as of considerable executive ability and business acumen.

The following extracts are of historical interest to the craft at large:

"The earliest authenticated record is a letter, written in 1715, by one John Moore, who came to Philadelphia in 1703, as King's Collector of the Port, in which he states that 'he had spent a few evenings in festivity with his Masonic brethren in this city.' But, passing from the period of doubt and uncertainty, we have definite and indisputable proof of the existence in Philadelphia of the Holy Lodge of St. John in 1727; this fact is evidenced by the recovery, during the present year, of the constitution of that ancient lodge, as transcribed by Thomas Carmick, who concluded the transcription with:

"'Whatsomever Meason or fellow Craft that shall meet with this booke I charge him, upon the tenor of his oath to take Great Care of it and Return it to Me.'

"This manuscript, which is of inestimable value to the fraternity at large, and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular, proves its genuineness by its archaic appearance, and by its having been a treasured heirloom in the continuous custody of a family of Masons of the blood of the writer. It is unblemished by alteration of any kind, yet soiled and worn by nearly two centuries of use, but is in perfectly legible form and is consistent in all parts, so that it demonstrates its own accuracy and unquestionableness. It was formally presented to this Grand Lodge by Brother Persifor Frazer Smith, of Milnor Lodge, No. 287, at Pittsburg, by the hand of Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother George W. Guthrie, on December 2, 1908, and is now among the archives in our Masonic Library. The recovery of this old manuscript has renewed and extended the interest in the early history of our fraternity."

With reference to the Masonic activity of Past Grand Master Benjamin Franklin he has to say:

“From the records in our Library vaults, which are accessible to all students, it is shown beyond controversy that Benjamin Franklin was initiated into St. John’s Lodge of Philadelphia, on February 1, 1730. His personal journal records the fact of a meeting of Masons at Brother Hubbard’s on July 4, 1730, at which he was present. In the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, printed in Philadelphia, by Benjamin Franklin at ‘the new printing house near the market,’ under date of December 8, 1730, announcement is made of the meetings of ‘several lodges of Freemasons.’ These lodges were composed of English speaking Freemasons who united in the organization of an independent Grand Lodge, which did not recognize any superior authority.

“In 1731, this Grand Lodge of Masons in Pennsylvania was a sovereign organization, and was the third oldest in the fraternity; the order of establishment being: First, the Grand Lodge of England, constituted in 1717; second, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, constituted in 1729; and third, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, constituted in 1731. These facts have been established beyond all matter of controversy by Brother W. J. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland—than whom there is no higher Masonic authority—in his introduction to the ‘*Cæmentaria Hibernica*,’ published in Dublin in 1895. As stated in a letter to our Librarian, Brother Julius F. Sachse, under date of December 15, 1908, by this eminent historian:

“‘The original Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania was formed by immemorial right, just as the Grand Lodge of England was formed, by the cohesion of subordinate lodges, similarly formed by immemorial right; not otherwise. Your latter-day usages have begotten an instinctive rather than a logical assumption that there ought to have been a warrant, that is, a charter.

“‘To my mind, your Grand Lodge, formed by ancient, indefeasible right, stands on far other ground than if it had been formed by a dubious warrant, that is, permission from any outside power that had itself been formed in the higher way.’

“There is preserved, also, a record of the members, and a report made by Benjamin Franklin, in his own handwriting, that same year, while acting as the secretary of a committee ‘to consider the the present state of the lodge and the proper method for improving it.’ This was accompanied by a draft of a set of by-laws for his lodge. On June 24, 1734, Benjamin Franklin was elected Grand Master of the Province of Pennsylvania, and during this year he reprinted Anderson’s constitutions of 1723, which was the first Masonic book printed in America.”

Pennsylvania certainly takes the lead in the matter of Masonic charity, the charity funds of that Grand Lodge amounting now to over \$300,000, and over \$12,000 being distributed annually to needy, respectable widows, orphans, mothers, and unmarried sisters of Master Masons in good standing at the time of their decease.

In addition to this it now has a well organized plan for the erection of a Masonic Home, which is to be a new and separate charity entirely disconnected with the charitable funds now in existence and which are to be in no way disturbed, so that in the future Masonic charity in that state will be conducted upon the combined system of institutional and private relief.

Over and above all this Past Grand Treasurer Thomas R. Patton in his will bequeathed to the Grand Lodge a sum of over \$1,000,000 to

provide a fund for the establishing and maintenance of an institution for the support and education of the sons of Master Masons who were at the time of their decease in good standing.

The Pennsylvania brethren have shown through many years of history that their loyalty to the institution is not a matter of mere words alone, but has found its substantial expression in many a magnificent donation for charitable purposes.

Among the notable decisions of Grand Master Orlady we quote the following:

"The names of the officers and members of lodges must not be furnished to canvassers, lecturers, solicitors, etc.

"The use of Masonic emblems on business cards and circulars is unlawful and prohibited. Freemasonry must not be used to promote any business.

"Lodges cannot attend a church as a Masonic body (*i. e.*, in Masonic clothing) without a special dispensation granted by the Grand Master. They may attend as individuals.

"The selection of pall-bearers for a funeral of a brother is one entirely with his family. Masonry does not obtrude itself on such an occasion.

"Lodge funds must not be used to pay for the playing of a band of music in a public square, or for any similar use—such is not a Masonic purpose.

"Lodges must keep within due bounds in the expenditure of their funds, which must not be used for any but strictly Masonic purposes."

To all of which we give a most hearty endorsement.

We are in accord with him when he says, with reference to the labors of a Committee of Inquiry upon the petition of a profane to be made a Mason:

"The inquiry should be sifting and thorough. It should be made, not by novices, but by experienced brethren. Particular care should be taken to inquire as to the place of residence given by the petitioner, and the length of time of his residence. If he has recently changed his residence, the inquiry should be made more searching and thorough, and should also be made at his former place of residence. The principles of Freemasonry, noble as they are, will not save the craft from criticism, if we admit to membership those who ignore our principles, or do not follow the practices which they enjoin. Pure principles can only be upheld by pure men, honest and of good report, faithful in word and deed, and worthy of being associated with those who are avowed advocates of brotherly love, the relief of the distressed, and the truth taught by the Divine Architect."

We admire his prompt and vigorous action in the following case:

"I removed a Junior Warden from his office and directed that charges be preferred against him for an acknowledged gross Masonic offense in removing the black balls from the ballot box before presenting the ballot box on the altar for ballot on a petition for initiation and membership."

Pennsylvania closed the year 1907 with over 84,000 Masons on her rolls in good standing.

From an artistic point of view the most beautiful part of these Proceedings is that designated "Illustrations of the places of meeting

of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the past century and a half," which illustrations also include interesting views of the Temple at Philadelphia.

These illustrations are preceded by a short historical sketch written by Grand Librarian Sachse, and, taken in connection with the exquisitely beautiful colored plates, they form a Masonic souvenir which any Mason could be proud to possess.

We know of no Masonic structure in the world that begins to approach this Temple at Philadelphia in point of grandeur and magnificence.

Yet beautiful as this structure may be we are still more profoundly impressed by the deep devotion to the institution which prompted our Pennsylvania brethren to give this outward expression to the magnificent teachings of our order.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is written by Brother James M. Lamberton, and is a comparatively small document to accompany so large a volume of Proceedings, but this brevity is well explained when Brother Lamberton says in his introduction:

"In view of the unusual amount of interesting matter that had to be included in the Proceedings of 1908, the Right Worshipful Grand Master directed that this report be limited to about one hundred pages."

While we are glad to have the "interesting matter" which is included in this volume, yet at the same time it does seem to us that a Grand Jurisdiction which is as well fixed financially as the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania could well afford to allow Brother Lamberton sufficient space in which he could do justice to his ability as a reviewer of Grand Lodge Proceedings, and could do this and let us have the other "interesting matter" besides.

We must say that we sympathize with Brother Lamberton in his being held down and restrained in this way, and we trust and hope that next year he will be allowed to write without limitation and will be granted full sway.

Prince Edward Island.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful D. F. Macdonald, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Neil MacKelvie, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful John Jardine, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Montague, June 24, 1909.

In looking through this volume of Proceedings and reading the names of the brethren one would almost think that he was in Scotland and not on the American continent.

In his annual address Grand Master W. K. Rogers speaks of the prosperity of his Grand Lodge in the following language:

“In many places business depression has followed the exposure of bad business methods; but here in Prince Edward Island the storm has passed us by and we are more prosperous than ever. We have had abundant crops, liberal returns from our fisheries, and have been able to secure exceptionally favorable prices for all our products. What wonder then that today we are a prosperous and happy people and that many who went abroad to seek a more favorable abode are today returning to our beautiful province, here to make their homes. And amid all this prosperity, Masonry has also prospered so that today we stand at the highest point in membership that we have ever attained. It is, therefore, but fitting that we should offer up our sincere thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe for all His bounteous mercy.”

He gives a complete detailed report of each official visit made during the year.

We must confess that our Canadian Grand Masters are of a decided social temperament, and the best visitors we have ever read about.

With regard to the matter of decisions his report is laconic. He says: “No decisions have been asked for.” He will be greatly envied by the Grand Masters of some of our larger American jurisdictions in being so free from bother and annoyance in the matter of decisions.

He recommends that his Grand Lodge at once adopt the card system of identification, so as to keep up with the procession.

In closing his address he indulges in some eloquent words on the subject of Masonry. We have been glad to select from this part of his address the following quotations:

“This we claim for Masonry, and when called upon to prove the value of our order as one evidence we are accustomed to point to our ancient record. This may be sufficient to the minds of some. Its age undoubtedly entitles it to respect and gives it dignity in the eyes of the world, and is evidence, so far as it goes, that it is based on just principles. But it is incumbent upon us to show further that our reverence for it is not the result of a prejudice or the mere fanciful and romantic regard which men have so often manifested for effete institutions. True; it has existed since a time so far back that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, and history has no record of its beginning. And we may claim that the longer it has existed, and the better it has been known days past, in the higher it has advanced in the estimation of good men. It has survived the attacks of enemies most powerful and fanatical, and sustained itself during all its past history, unaided by church or state or any other means save its own native integrity. Monarchs have arrayed their power against it, Popes have thundered their anathemas in its face, and, for a season, the popular voice was raised in the wild clamor of passion to denounce and overthrow it. Yet it has survived and overcome all these influences, and is today stronger and may be more useful than ever before; while institutions sustained by popular favor, based upon traditionary worth, their usefulness gone, soon go down to oblivion, being swept away by the breath of power, popular rage, or borne down by the steady, onward march of progress.

“This social feature of Masonry is founded upon the universal brotherhood of the human family, and the consequent principle of universal charity which pervades the whole system. It ignores and repels all forms of sectarianism and partisanship, because they tend to embarrass the exercise of this charity in full harmony and accord. In the application of its benevolence it levels all distinctions of caste, title, and privilege; and while it does not fail to give honor to whom honor is due, yet it solemnly teaches monarch and princes that, as men, they are no more than the humblest peasant. This bond of nature is the essence and substance of all there is in the mystic tie, as taught and practiced in the usages of Masonry.”

And we would again commend to Brother Chambers, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the reading of these words on the subject of the universal brotherhood of the human family.

We note with sincere pleasure the strong and noble words which come ringing across the seas to us from this far-away island, again assuring us that Masonry is the same fine and noble thing everywhere upon the face of the earth.

This Grand Jurisdiction apparently makes no review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

A resolution was passed that a printed copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge be mailed to each *Master Mason* in the jurisdiction. In view of the fact that this would require no more than 900 copies, we are satisfied that the action was timely and wise.

Quebec.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful George O. Stanton, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful E. T. D. Chambers, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Montreal, February 10, 1909.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was opened in ample form at Montreal on the 12th day of February, 1908, with a full staff of Grand Officers present.

From the Grand Master's address we take pleasure in quoting the following passage—

“Freemasonry has for its objects beneficence, the practice of universal morality and of all the virtues. It has for its foundation-stone a belief in the existence of God, the Creator of all things, and in the immortality of the soul; while the love of humanity is a necessary accompaniment of its recognition of the universal fatherhood of the Deity.

“It is composed of free men governed by rules and regulations handed down from time immemorial, and who, submissive to the laws of the country in which they reside, are united in a society for the general welfare of its members and for the good of mankind.

"It does not concern itself with the variety of existing religious beliefs and national governments, nor does it regard the religious faith or the political sympathy of its members, forbidding any discussion upon these subjects at its meetings; and thus, bound only to the one great belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all mankind, the brethren are enabled to meet together in the greatest harmony and good fellowship."

and stand ready to give its every word our heartiest approval.

But the query comes to us:

If Masonry "does not concern itself with the variety of existing religious beliefs," nor "regard the religious faith of its members" and forbids "any discussion upon these subjects at its meetings," then why should it permit a subordinate lodge to attend the divine services of a denominational church in a body in full regalia, thereby openly and publicly setting its stamp of approval upon the creed of that church? This it would seem to us is doing away with all discussion and swallowing the dogma whole.

We make this criticism here for the reason that the Grand Master elsewhere in his address "heartily commends the custom adopted by their lodges in attending divine service in a body once every year."

If it is right for a lodge to do this once a year, why not every Sunday in the year? Why not make the attendance at church services compulsory by making a member's continued membership dependent upon it?

For the life of us we cannot conceive what laudable purpose is served by this once-a-year church attendance. Does the lodge do it to make an impression upon the profane? What do we care about the notions and prejudices of the profane concerning us as long as we know that our principles are right and our conduct clean?

What occasion have we to shrive ourselves at the shrine of public opinion?

To us this once-a-year attendance looks very much like making a public exhibition of what should remain a secret and sacred matter. Is it necessary that we should go to church once a year to convince the public that we believe that our souls are safe and that really and truly, as a matter of fact, we are *not* on the high-road to perdition?

Surely Masonry, at least, ought to look upon religion as too high and holy a matter to be made the subject of a public parade or as affording an opportunity for self-righteous ostentation.

In this connection we are glad to note that most of our wide-awake American Grand Lodges take a positive stand in this matter in refusing to permit their lodges to attend church services as Masonic bodies under any circumstances excepting those of the funeral services of a brother.

The custom of presenting various gifts and tokens to Masonic dignataries seems to be in vogue in the Grand Lodges of England and Canada.

We read that "handsome Past Grand Master's jewels having engraved upon them the emblem of Canada, the maple leaf and beaver,"

were presented by this Grand Lodge of Quebec to Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, and John Strachan, K. C., Grand Registrar of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Further on we find one Blue lodge presenting the Grand Master with a "handsome illuminated address," and another presenting him "with a souvenir jewel bearing the motto and insignia of the lodge with date of its original charter."

The long years of service of Grand Treasurer J. H. Stearns were recognized by the Grand Lodge by presenting to him "a magnificent life-sized picture in oil." When the portrait was unveiled in Grand Lodge it was the cause "of an outburst of enthusiasm on the part of the members present. An eloquent address was delivered by Most Worshipful Brother Sir M. M. Tait, Past Grand Master, who reviewed the long Masonic career of Most Worshipful Brother Stearns, and paid a glowing tribute to his many good qualities and his past services to Freemasonry in this province."

A formal private presentation of this portrait had been previously made to Brother Stearns, "who requested that function be as modest and as quiet as possible." This private presentation was accordingly made in the presence of the Past Grand Masters and active officers of the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, and the recipient "was much touched by the presentation and feelingly responded, and then immediately asked me as the official head of the Grand Lodge to accept the portrait for the Grand Lodge and to give it a place on the walls of our Masonic Temple. In making the presentation to the Grand Lodge he expressed the hope that in time a similar painting of all Grand Masters would find a place with it."

We cannot read the above without being satisfied that Brother Stearns is made of the right stuff.

Brother Herbert Symonds, District Grand Chaplain of the Montreal District, delivered a most eloquent discourse before the Grand Lodge. We take pleasure in quoting the following passages from his oration:

"In its largest expression; Masonry is nothing less than a philosophy of life; and if that philosophy be analyzed into its component parts it will be found to consist of a theology or a doctrine of God, an anthropology or a doctrine of man, a sociology or a doctrine of man's relation to his fellowman, and a system of ethics, or the practical duties of man.

"What can be a loftier conception of God than that of the Great Architect of the Universe. Here the whole realms of nature, from the starry firmament—vast worlds moving in perfect order through infinite space—down to the tiniest plume on the butterfly's wing, becomes the sign and symbol of the infinite and invisible God. When men in their thoughtlessness demand to see God we should remind them that there is a sense in which we cannot even see man. For the body is but the outward sign of the real man, who cannot be seen with the eye of flesh. How much more is it true of God, whom, nevertheless, we know by the outward symbols He gives of Himself. 'The invisible things of Him from the beginning of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made.'"

These noble and lofty conceptions add great credit to Brother Symonds as a man and a Mason.

That the matter of a system of documentary identification of visiting brethren is being strenuously agitated even in Canada is evidenced by the following passage which we take from the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"With the Grand Master, we fully realize the important fact that most of the American Grand Lodges demand documentary evidence of good standing in the craft from brethren desirous of visiting them from other jurisdictions, in addition to a satisfactory examination in the modes of recognition, etc.; and we recommend that his suggestion looking to the possession of some conveniently portable documentary evidence of membership by members of our lodges visiting in other jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration and report."

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan were recognized, but recognition was denied to the Grand Orient of Greece and the Argentine Republic, and pending the receipt of further information no action was taken looking to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the committee further reported "that the recognition of the Grand Orient of Greece and of other European lands is undesirable."

If by the terms "Grand Orient" the Grand Lodge means to include the Grand Lodges of all European countries we feel that this action is ill considered and entirely too hasty.

In fact it is obvious from a reading of these Proceedings that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, under the leadership of its foreign correspondent, Brother E. T. D. Chambers, has precious little use for the doctrine of the universality of Masonry. Brother Chambers seems to have gotten it into his head that Masonry is a hereditary British institution, and does not care very much whether the order is established in strength and permanence in European countries or not.

But of this more later.

The Committee on Benevolence and Charity reported 450 distributions to the widows of various deceased brothers in sums of from \$25 to \$50 each, the names of the recipients being properly designated only by an initial.

This system of charity which quietly helps the worthy sufferers in their own homes has our heartiest approval.

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Quebec not only has a spiritual adviser in the person of its Grand Chaplain, but that it now has a legal adviser as well, as witness the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That Most Worshipful Brother T. P. Butler, K. C., be appointed the official legal adviser of this Grand Lodge, and that the sum of \$100 per annum be placed in the appropriations as compensation.

“And further, as a slight recompense for services rendered during the past twenty-five years, this motion to be retroactive and date from and include 1903. Carried, and referred to the Finance Committee.”

In this Grand Jurisdiction Grand Lodge committees are not appointed by the Grand Master, but are nominated by a nominating committee, whose report is adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers. In his introduction, as hereinabove suggested, he goes after the doctrine of the universality of Masonry, and after the following manner:

“There is a mawkish sentimentality abroad in regard to the universality of Masonry, which seems born of a fear that any pronouncing the Masonic shibboleth should be debarred from the privileges of the craft, or denied recognition among regularly constituted Free and Accepted Masons.”

In another place he says—

“We hear much in these days, from would-be Masonic reformers, of the ‘universality of Masonry,’ and it is impossible to avoid the belief that some of them regard the pleasant phrase as a kind of landmark or ancient regulation of the order, though it certainly forms no part of either the written or unwritten law of the fraternity.”

and finally designates this doctrine as “a pure matter of sentiment as idle and mawkish as it is unreasonable and unnecessary.”

In his attitude towards this doctrine, Brother Chambers stands aloof and alone from the rest of the Masonic world so far as our reading has enabled us to determine.

As far as we are individually concerned the doctrine of the universality of Masonry is much more than mere moonshine, or idle, mawkish sentiment.

To us it is a part of the very pith and marrow of the institution, the bone and fiber of its very being. Robbed of an enthusiastic devotion to this principle, Masonry has no right to make any pretensions to an allegiance to the great principle of the brotherhood of man. The attitude of mind that would shut out a man from the privileges of Masonry simply because he speaks a Latin tongue and lives in a foreign land, is one which to us is entirely too narrow and provincial to be worthy of the term Masonry. Brother Chambers’ contempt for the Masonry of Latin countries amounts almost to a mortal antipathy.

In our humble opinion the Jew, the Mohammedan, the Buddhist, the Confucian, and the Zoroastrian have as good a right as the Christian to the privileges of uniting in Masonic union with their fellows in a belief in the one true God, by whatsoever name He may be called, to a faith in the immortality of the soul and to an abiding belief that all mankind are brothers created of one family to dwell together upon the face of the earth.

Personally, if we were compelled to choose between an allegiance to a sacred book or writing, and a loyalty to the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, we would let the book slide every time.

It is its loyalty to the essential, vital principles of the philosophical faith and teaching of the order which determines whether a body is Masonic, and not its descent from the Grand Lodge of England, for that Grand Lodge in turn must trace its ancestry back to the German Steinmetzen of Mediaeval Europe, and they in turn to others who in the remote ages of antiquity first granted recognition to the eternal and universal principles for which the Masonic order stands today.

In our humble opinion any other conception of Masonry is entirely too narrow to be tolerated. We believe that the ritual of our order is full to overflowing of the teaching of this great doctrine.

Whether it be a landmark or not, we are not prepared to say, for there is much dispute among the brethren as to what are and what are not landmarks.

Yet, if it is not a landmark, yet we unquestionably believe that a devotion to this principle is as vital and essential to the continued permanence and prosperity of our order as any landmark could possibly be, and there is something wrong with the Mason who does not promptly confess entire faith in the doctrine of the universality of Masonry.

We regret very much that utterances of this sort come to the notice of Brother Chambers "with much distress." Yet, on this subject we cannot remain silent, but must say our say, for like Martin Luther of old, "God help us, we can do no otherwise."

Brother Chambers devotes five pages of his report to reviewing the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge held at Clinton in 1907.

Speaking of Brother Clark's Report on Foreign Correspondence, he writes:

"One of the most 'meaty' Reports on Foreign Correspondence that has ever come our way is that contained in the Iowa volume now before us, the first effort in this direction of Brother Charles C. Clark. Sound judgment and a good literary style are distinguishing marks of Brother Clark's work."

And we concede Brother Chambers' good taste when he culls from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas the following fine passage:

"This is a period of mental unrest. Never in the history of the race have men more eagerly and zealously searched for the truth. Investigators have ceased to subscribe to any doctrine because it is asserted by those high in authority, or advocated by those of great learning. Rational philosophy is freeing the human mind from the fetters of dogmatic theology. Ecclesiastical bigotry no longer usurps the authority of the individual conscience.

"The cowardice which feared to antagonize superstition has been supplanted by a courage which yields blind adherence to no dogma and applies the gauge of reason to every statement not axiomatic.

"Only mental inerts, or those to whom mental exertion is a burden, permit intelligence to abdicate in favor of implicit credulity.

"Agnosticism, which is content to disclaim, surrenders to a rational faith which confidently affirms. Though much remains in darkness and doubt, the rifts in the clouds of obscurity permit occasional glimpses of refulgent truth."

Rhode Island.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful William H. Chatterton, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful S. Penrose Williams, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Henry W. Rugg, Committee on Correspondence.

Time and place of Next Annual Communication not stated in Proceedings.

These Proceedings cover a semi-annual communication held November 18, 1907, as well as an annual communication held May 18, 1908. At the semi-annual communication the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that fraternal recognition be accorded to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the report was adopted. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to Past Grand Master Walter A. Presbrey, but aside from this very little business of interest to the craft at large was transacted.

The Grand Master in his annual address at the annual communication announced a number of decisions rendered by him. Most of these are on routine matters of little interest to outsiders.

The following, however, may be noted as of interest to the craft in general:

"As is well known to members of Grand Lodge, our subordinate lodges have long been accustomed to use their funds for various purposes which, in many jurisdictions, are not considered strictly Masonic, and for which lodges therein are not allowed to use funds from their treasuries. Among these may be mentioned refreshments and literary, musical, or other exercises and entertainments at communications or social gatherings. This practice is so general in this jurisdiction, and has been continued for so long a time without criticism by Grand Lodge, that it may perhaps fairly be considered to have received its sanction, and I believe that the use of lodge funds in the case under consideration was open to fewer objections than their use for other purposes which have never been questioned."

We have noted with a great deal of interest how little legislation is to be found in the Masonic law of various Grand Jurisdictions with reference to the matter of the use of funds by subordinate lodges, and it has often occurred to us that this matter should be regulated by

wise and careful legislation. Within the last year within our own state our own Grand Master has ruled that a subordinate lodge cannot contribute to buy books for a public library, on the ground that the use of Masonic funds should be restricted to Masonic purposes alone. He advised them at the same time that they might build up a Masonic library within their own lodge, or might endow a book case with a collection of books giving information about Masonry and the Masonic order.

It is a pretty hard matter to draw the line sharply so as to determine what is, and what is not, a expenditure for Masonic purposes, and perhaps for that reason there is so little legislation in the Grand Lodges on the subject.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence in the State of Rhode Island apparently does not have as a part of its duties the reviewing of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, but is merely a committee on the matter of fraternal relations and fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodges of foreign jurisdictions, and the Proceedings of that state contain no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Saskatchewan.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful C. O. Davidson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John M. Shaw, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful F. S. Proctor, Committee on Correspondence.

This volume of Proceedings is opened by a portrait of Grand Master C. O. Davidson, showing him clad in the glittering regalia which characterizes the Canadian Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was but recently recognized by our own Grand Lodge, being one of the youngest of all the Grand Jurisdictions, but its statistics show that it has been having an enormous growth, having more than quadrupled its membership in the last nine years.

In his annual address the Grand Master shows himself to be a man of considerable executive and administrative ability.

Under the head of dispensations he granted a number for attending divine services. Concerning this question we have expressed ourselves at length under the heads of Illinois, Florida, and Indiana, where the subject will be found fully discussed.

We are glad to note that he denied a dispensation to wear regalia at a dance and reception in aid of a Masonic hall. He says on this subject:

"I am informed that some of the brethren feel this is rather too drastic. Brethren, it may be, but I detest to see a parade made of

Masonry. Let our lives and conduct to the outside world be the proclamation that we are Masons, and not the wearing of the insignia of office or the apron proclaim it."

Did it not occur to Grand Master Campkin that the wearing of Masonic regalia at a church service would be making "a parade of Masonry?"

It seems that nothing in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan bars the acceptance of an application for the degrees by a person engaged in the liquor traffic.

Brother Campkin closed his annual address with the following words:

"To the officers and members of the subordinate lodges I tender my thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and courtesy that they have all extended to me during my term in office, and my heartfelt desire is that the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan will continue in the grand and noble work that it has undertaken, until the consummation of Freemasonry—the reign of universal brotherhood—

"Then let us pray
That come it may
As come it will for a' that
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that.'"

We would commend his sentiments on the subject of universal brotherhood to the serious consideration of Brother Chambers, Correspondent for the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that nothing had come before the committee during the year. We congratulate our brethren of Saskatchewan on this most fortunate condition of affairs.

It seems that instead of having tellers to count the ballot in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan they have officers who are known as "scrutineers."

They also have a committee or board known as the "Board of General Purposes," but just what the scope of this committee's duties is, or what it is intended to accomplish, we are unable to determine from these Proceedings, but it is apparently a central executive committee to which is entrusted the general business of the Grand Lodge, and which in turn selects the various sub-committees that with us are usually appointed by the Grand Master.

Saskatchewan evidently does not follow the custom of having its Committee on Foreign Relations review the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

South Carolina.

(1907.)

Most Worshipful James L. Michie, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful W. M. Whitehead, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Charleston, December 8, 1908.

This volume of Proceedings is opened by the portrait of a fine looking gentleman of obvious culture and good breeding, and we are given to understand that it is the portrait of Grand Master James L. Michie.

The One Hundred and First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was opened in ample form at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, December 10, 1907.

Like the supreme court and the congress of the United States this distinguished body begins its hours of labor at high twelve.

The annual address of Grand Master F. E. Harrison is a well classified and comprehensive review of a year of active service as the presiding officer of this Grand Lodge.

He reports having accepted an invitation to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Washington, D. C., on June 8, 1907, on which occasion "a Masonic address was delivered by Brother Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States."

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina laid five new corner-stones during the year, two school buildings, one court house, a Carnegie library, and a church.

The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge subscribe to and become a member of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. We know this to be a very sensible recommendation because our own Grand Jurisdiction has in the past greatly profited by its membership in this institution.

Brother Joseph W. Eggleston, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, was a distinguished visitor, and was enthusiastically welcomed.

In response to this welcome he said in part as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of George Washington greets the Grand Lodge of Albert Mackey. The oldest Grand Lodge in America formed by voluntary act of the lodges, greets the oldest American Grand Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of England.

"I love old Charleston. Forty-six years ago, a boy soldier of seventeen, I was here. For two years I served on this coast from here to Bluffton. Five months I spent in this city as a part of your garrison. There may be, perchance, some here present who were my comrades. I well remember the Charleston Light Dragoons, the Rutledge Mounted Riflemen, and the Beaufort Artillery. I can never forget Pocotaligo, where our battery lost half of its men and half its horses; Coosa river, where Elliott's battery and ours burned a gun-boat. I had hoped to meet the genial Capt. William Elliott, but alas, he, too, is gone.

"The Masons of Virginia revere this Grand Lodge for having led the way in Masonic literature and history; for having produced the man who wrote the only Masonic encyclopedia. But far more do we venerate you for having given to Masonry and to the world that heroic man, David Ramsey.

"While I was here in your city a soldier in 1862, in the midst of that war of wars, here where secession was nurtured and brought forth, where the first shot was fired, where passion was greatest, at a time when hate of South against North, and North against South, was a contagious insanity sweeping across our fair land like a prairie fire, when even the worship of Almighty God was perverted into denunciations of our enemies, at this very time and in this place, your Grand Master, David Ramsey, himself a soldier, who lost his life at Battery Wagner the following year, issued that famous letter to the craft.

"In it he warned the brethren to remember that they had taken solemn obligations before Almighty God to help befriend, protect, and relieve their brethren, all and singular, wheresoever met, whether in lodges dedicated or by divers means known only to them, in darkness or in light, armed or unarmed, friend or seeming foe. He reminded them that these obligations antedated, as they would survive, all war and strife among men, and that, as Masons, they should know not that there was war.

"Thus he illustrated that Masonry alone, of all influences, can and does lift men above their evil passions, even when those passions are aroused to a pitch that you young men could never realize even were I competent to describe.

"This is one side of the picture; let us turn it around.

"When William McKinley, a major of the United States army, was in Winchester, Va., walking around the hospital, he saw among, not their privates, but among their sick and wounded officers, dirty, ragged Confederate privates, receiving all possible care and tenderness, he asked what it meant. He received for answer: 'These are our brother Masons.' At once he, an officer of an invading army, sent in his application to Winchester Hiram Lodge, No. 21, and received the degrees and lived a faithful Mason, and died the best beloved American in a hundred years. His last Masonic act, I am proud to remember, was to march with us, wearing a Virginia apron, and join in dropping a sprig of acacia, a second time, on the coffin of that other Virginia Mason, George Washington, one hundred years after his Masonic burial.

"When after four long years of war, when hundreds of thousands of men had lost their lives struggling to capture Richmond, at last it fell; when that worn and starving 'Thin Gray Line' had crossed the river and burned the bridges, the foe came marching in; as a column of cavalry marched up Franklin street, while the fire was raging in the city, thousands of negroes set free in a moment, while hoodlums, spies, deserters, and criminals of every sort were burning and pillaging, all law and order was gone; at this dreadful time, the colonel of a regiment saw our emblems and the words 'Masonic Hall.'

"He halted the column and placed a guard, all Masons, over the oldest Masonic building in America. He thus preserved records back to 1787.

"This building still stands, and is still, as ever, used only for Masonic purposes. In it met Union and Confederate soldiers to devise means of relieving the suffering and distress of the families of Confederate soldiers still fighting their way to the sad end at Appomattox.

"To mark this, my visit, and at the same time to link together our Grand Lodges, I have brought you a jewel. Not for its intrinsic

worth or value, for it has none. It is not made of gold or silver, nor is it set with precious stones. It is of cold iron. It consists of a square, compasses, and G, made of old nails hammered out on an anvil and driven in that old building one hundred and twenty-two years ago. I ask that while time shall last, it may be worn every year in this Grand Lodge by Virginia's Representative. And now I ask the privilege of pinning it on the breast of the man who so worthily and well fills that office today, Most Worshipful Orlando Sheppard, Virginia's Representative near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina."

We make these ample quotations at this place because we believe their historical and Masonic value make their repetition well worth while.

It is the relation of episodes of this nature that offer repeated evidence, not only of the part which the members of our craft have played in the upbuilding of our country, but also of the universality of Masonry.

These stories make us realize how far-reaching is the influence and potent strength of our beloved order for the bringing about of the great brotherhood of man.

With regard to the matter of the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence declined to extend such recognition to such lodge, giving their reasons in the following language:

"In the matter of the application of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., Valle de Mexico, we find, after reading with much care and thoughtful consideration the able paper, *F. de P. Rodriguez on Masonry in Latin American Countries*, and the exhaustive research into the subject by the Kansas Committee on Foreign Correspondence, that there appear too many discordant elements and distracting interests in the Masonry of Mexico to permit us to regard it as being in a condition of stable equilibrium. In a short period there have been changes in the governing body from, first, the Supreme Grand Orient of the Mexican National Rite to, second, the Grand Symbolica Dieta of Mexico, and, lastly, to this petitioning body the U. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., Valle de Mexico.

"It seems that the independent Grand Lodge system does not prevail, or else is not feasible in the Republic of Mexico, and the fraternity is under the guidance of a central governing power, which is periodically changing its name.

"Moreover, the committee was very much struck by the following significant paragraph in the reported address of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge assembled in the City of Mexico last December:

"'As far as possible, the spread of Masonry has been actively *pushed*, and bearing in mind the many obstacles which we still have to struggle against before the institution can be considered tolerant in religious matters and neutral in religion.'

"Therefore, although many of the Grand Lodges in the United States and the Grand Lodge of England have accorded recognition to this body, your committee is of the opinion that action on this petition should be postponed until such time as we may be assured that the Grand Body claiming jurisdiction over Mexican Masonry is on a safe and solid foundation.

"In dealing with such cases it is well to 'make haste slowly.'"

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and denied to the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the result of the labors of Brother J. T. Barren, chairman of the committee, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

It covers 150 pages and contains a review not only of the Grand Lodges of the United States, but most of the lodges of foreign countries. He speaks of Grand Master Cleveland's record as showing him to have been a "faithful and intelligent officer."

And of the report of Brother Clark on Foreign Correspondence he says that it "is an excellent one with a full index, which is valuable but unusual."

South Dakota.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Joseph J. Davenport, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Samuel A. Brown, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Watertown, June 8, 1909.

It is with unusual interest that we pick up the Proceedings of this state for the purposes of review. The Grand Lodge of South Dakota was chartered and organized through the instrumentality of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and has always been looked upon by us as our daughter, and naturally we are unusually interested in her success and progress.

We are glad to see upon the opening page a fine steel engraving setting forth the finely cut features of Grand Master William E. Milligan, with whom we have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance. In this fine portrait he wears with easy grace the dignity of a Grand Master of Masons, but we know that among the boys he is plain "Billy" Milligan and can appreciate a practical joke with all the keen zest of an Abraham Lincoln.

We are satisfied that if his eye ever falls upon these lines he will not be able to help smiling at the recollection of our first meeting. Yet what the cause of that smile was must ever remain a secret between us and the other good fellows who were present.

Wednesday, October 16, 1907, was a red letter day in South Dakota Masonry, for on that day the brethren met in emergent communication at Aberdeen for the double purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Administration Building of the Northern Normal and Industrial School, and also of celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 38.

Both of these events were participated in by seven Past Grand Masters, and it is with pleasure that we quote from the records of that day:

"The Grand Master announced the communication was called for a double purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Administration Building of the Northern Normal and Industrial School at Aberdeen, and also to participate in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M.

"The lights were secured and the procession formed under the escort of Damascus Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, Charles A. Howard, Past Grand Grand Commander, in command, with two hundred and fifty Sir Knights and members of the order in line. The line of march was to the Normal grounds, where the corner-stone was laid in due and ancient form. A Grand Masonic address was delivered by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Ivan W. Goodner. Brother A. W. Burt, of Huron, spoke briefly for the Board of Regents, of which he is a member, and Brother S. C. Hartranft, Worshipful Master of Aberdeen Lodge, and one of the faculty of the school, expressed the appreciation of these bodies. At the completion of the ceremonies the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple and called off for luncheon. Labor was resumed at three o'clock P. M., and after a short session was again called off that Aberdeen Lodge, No. 38, could be opened. The Worshipful Master of this lodge, Brother S. C. Hartranft, invited Past Grand Master Frank A. Brown to the East and surrendered to him the gavel, and under his direction his son, Harry F. Brown, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, during which ceremony every station in the floor work was filled by Past Grand Masters; the work in the East was enacted by Past Grand Masters John A. Cleaver, and Ivan W. Goodner dividing the first section, Frank A. Brown giving the second section, Robert H. McCaughey the third section and Thomas H. Brown delivering the charge. They were ably assisted by Brothers Oscar S. Gifford and Harvey J. Rice, and also by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William E. Milligan.

"It was an occasion unique in the history of Masonry in South Dakota, in that the work was done exclusively by brethren who had reached the dignity of the position of Grand Master. And that the candidate was the son of a Past Grand Master, and that there was present between two and three hundred Master Masons. At the conclusion of the work the lodge was closed and the members repaired to the banquet hall where a five course dinner was served by the members of Minerva Chapter, No. 5, Order Easter Star.

"The ceremonies of celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Aberdeen Lodge, No. 38, took place at the Temple in the evening. They consisted of music and addresses, which were listened to and enjoyed by hundreds of the brethren and their families, the music was furnished by Cason's orchestra, and by a double quartet, composed of Mesdames Countryman, Hedger, Boyd, and Miller, and Brothers Johnston, Voedisch, Nash, and Hartranft."

We only wish that we were permitted to use the space to print the complete record of the intensely interesting story of the founding of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and the struggles which the pioneer Masons of that state endured in order to give Masonry a lasting foundation within her borders.

It was a most splendid reunion and the gift of eloquent speech flashed like flame from one strong man to another, as anecdote followed anecdote, in describing the trials and struggles of the olden time and the undying enthusiasm that finally led to victory.

We are sure that the craft will cry amen to the following fine sentiment uttered by Past Grand Master Harvey J. Rice, when on that occasion he declared:

“My creed in Masonry is summed up in the beautiful verses:

“‘If you have a friend worth loving
Love him; yes and let him know
That you love him ere life’s evening
Tinge his brow with sunset glow.

“‘If you hear a song that thrills you,
Sung by any child of song,
Praise it; do not let the singer
Wait deserved praises long.

“‘If you see the hot tears falling
From a brother’s weeping eye,
Share them and by kindly sharing
Own your kinship with the skies.’”

The Master of the lodge, a lodge which has contributed three Grand Masters to the Grand Lodge, closes the exercises with the following beautiful sentiment:

“I wish to leave with you as a fitting close a few lines whose authorship I do not know:

“‘They are slipping away, these sweet swift years,
Like a leaf on the current cast;
With never a break in their rapid flow
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past.

“‘As silent and swift as a weaver’s thread
Or an arrow’s flying gleam;
As soft as the languorous breezes hid
That lift the willow’s golden lid
Or ripple the glassy stream.

“‘As pure as the flush of a seashell’s throat;
As fond as a lover’s dream;
As sweet as the wood bird’s coying note
So tender and sweet they seem.

“‘One after another we see them pass
Down the dim-lighted stair.
We hear the sound of the steady tread
In the steps of the centuries long since dead,
As beautiful and as fair.

“‘There are only a few years left to live.
Shall we waste them on idle strife?
Shall we trample beneath our ruthless feet,
These beautiful blossoms rare and sweet
By the dusty ways of life?

“‘Only a few short years!
Ah, let no angry taunt be heard!
Make life’s fair pattern of rare design
And fill up the measure with love’s sweet wine
But never an angry word.’”

The annual session of the Grand Lodge was attended by a full corps of Grand Officers and by eleven Past Grand Masters, four Past Grand Treasurers, and three Past Grand Wardens.

The annual address of Grand Master Milligan is a most systematic and business-like report of the facts of his year of administration. Speaking of our own Grand Jurisdiction, he said:

“Grand Master R. M. Hunter extended me a very cordial invitation to be the guest of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at its session in June of this year.

“I quote from his letter: ‘There are two Grand Jurisdictions in which Iowa feels a special interest, Missouri, because it is our

mother Grand Jurisdiction, and South Dakota, because it is our eldest daughter Grand Jurisdiction.' South Dakota is ever deeply grateful to its distinguished parent.

"I had the pleasure of accepting the foregoing invitation and assure you, my brethren, the reception afforded me by the officers and members of that Grand Body will stand forth as one of the landmarks of my Masonic experience.

"We have every reason to be proud of having as our mother Grand Jurisdiction, Iowa.

"The Mason who is at all interested will be more than repaid for a trip to Cedar Rapids, where this communication of the Grand Lodge was held, by a visit to the great Masonic Library, unequalled I believe, in the world.

"I trust our Grand Lodge will have the honor of entertaining Iowa's Grand Master, or his representative, at no distant date and that the exchange of visits between the two jurisdictions may become an established custom, thus bringing us into closer relations with each other."

During the year the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of a new court-house building, and of the Normal School building above mentioned, and would have laid the corner-stone of the new capitol building at Pierre had that event not been delayed by unforeseen obstacles.

Among his decisions the following will be of interest:

"Statement.—Charges had been preferred against a brother and at the trial no one appeared against him. The Worshipful Master accepted a motion to lay the matter of a trial on the table, and later a motion to reconsider, and that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, thinking that would dispose of it forever. Now, the brother, against whom the charges were preferred, applies for a dimit.

"Question. Can we grant a dimit, without again bringing up the old charges? *Held.* The action of the lodge, as stated, does not dispose of the charges and I think that direct action on them should be had before a dimit is granted. (It does not appear well to me that this old time cinch motion should be permitted in Masonic lodges)."

It does seem to us that in a case of this kind something more than the motion to lay on the table should have been required.

We don't believe that the action taken was at all fair to the accused brother. Either the charges against him should have been dismissed as wholly without foundation or he should have been declared not guilty.

The laying of such charges on the table is too much like the old Scotch verdict of "not proven."

The accused should have been granted an immediate trial and a verdict rendered one way or the other, as the laying of such a trial on the table inevitably unjustly casts a cloud over the accused's entire Masonic future. The brother was entitled to have this record promptly cleared up.

A committee was appointed to prepare and have printed a monitor for the use of the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, such monitor to conform to the accepted work and to contain the burial

services, constitution and consecration, installation, the laying of corner-stones, and such other forms as may be deemed advisable, the same to be furnished to the lodges at cost.

We believe that this was a step in the right direction, but in our opinion it would have been better if the Grand Lodge itself had defrayed the expense of printing this monitor, and had ordered a copy sent to each lodge with instructions to the officers of the lodge to use it. We don't believe in leaving it optional with the subordinate lodges to use such monitor or not as may suit their pleasure, as such a course does not promote uniformity of Masonic ceremonials.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was extended fraternal recognition, as was also the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, but the Grand Lodge refused to take any action looking toward the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Greece.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence was written by Past Grand Master S. A. Brown and covers 168 closely printed pages, and is a most creditable piece of work. He reviews the Proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, devoting about four pages to our own state. He says of Grand Master Cleveland's annual address: "The address is an admirable paper."

He refers humorously to Grand Master Cleveland's struggle with the full moon schedule:

"The moon troubles our brethren in Iowa as elsewhere, because laws have been enacted requiring them to hold lodge elections in November, while the moon was permitted to go on getting full when it gets ready. The only remedy the Grand Master was able to suggest was that the lodges should forsake 'moon, the inconstant moon,' and meet on a certain day in the month. The difficulty of the Most Worshipful Brother's position is evinced by the fact that over four hundred lodges, with an average of seventy members each, hold their meetings at eventide, and that their members may have more light by which to wend their ways homeward—'as the moon governs the night' Masonically, the moon governs the meetings."

Speaking of our Grand Lodge Library, he writes:

"The magnificent Masonic Library, said to be the only one in the world with a separate building of its own, is still the pride of our brethren, as well as of all of us. The listing of the volumes goes steadily on, and in time will be so advanced as to give us all knowledge of its precious contents. There are many thousands of volumes in foreign languages which have not yet been listed. When this is done we hope for much enlightenment upon the Masonry of other countries which is at present but scant."

He regrets the fact that our Grand Lodge bulletin is no longer published, and this regret we share with him.

Of our volume of Proceedings he says:

"The beautiful volume is, as usual, embellished with many portraits, including the Grand Master, the Grand Officers, Cornelius Hedges, deceased, of Montana, and Past Junior Grand Warden Larry, deceased."

And of our Grand Secretary he justly says: "Grand Secretary Parvin is still the industrious, painstaking, and discriminating officer he has always been."

Speaking of the question of the admission of clergymen free he quotes Brother Clark, and takes issue with him.

Brother Clark had said:

"While there have been glittering exceptions, they but serve to prove the rule that material thus taken in is more of a hindrance than a help. As one of our Correspondent brethren has well expressed it, they are drones in the hive of Masonry."

To this Brother Brown replies:

"For our brother's information we will say that since the embargo was placed upon the admission of clergymen free, the two lodges in Sioux Falls have received a number who have proved anything but 'drones,' by the expedient of contributing the amount individually. The Secretary presents the name and asks if any brethren wish to contribute. So far it has been contributed. Forty members give a dollar apiece. Members of one lodge contribute to pay the initiation fees for a clergyman to enter the other lodge."

It seems to us that this matter of admitting clergymen into the order free, or of taking up a collection to buy the degrees for them, smacks a whole lot of the giving of alms. For the life of us we cannot see why a preacher should not come into the order on the same basis as any other good man. The fact that a man is a minister should not relieve him from being compelled to meet on the same level with his brethren, and should not entitle him to any special rights or privileges in a Masonic order. We believe that a man is admitted into the Masonic order solely on the basis of his manhood and not because of his particular calling in life.

No one should be admitted into the order who is not an upright man of clean character, and the man who has a right to say this of himself is as good as any minister that ever happened. The mere fact that a man has had religious orders conferred upon him does not of itself make him any more a man than the fellow who has no right to put D. D. after his name. The making of a man a minister works no miraculous change in his make-up any more than does the making of a man a Mason. Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors. Neither does she regard him for the religious titles he may have attained. She does respect a man if he is manly and upright, no matter whether he is within the fold of a church or on the outside.

Personally, we have precious little sympathy with this mawkish sentiment that is eternally waving incense under the noses of the clergy.

We don't quite agree with Brother Clark that as a rule clergy have proven themselves drones in the hive of Masonry. We don't believe they are different from other men in this respect. In our opinion it all depends upon the man. If he is made of the right stuff

he will be anything but a drone in the hive, but if the building material that was wrought into his mental and moral make-up is not up to the standard, then we cannot expect much from him. The rank, be it secular or religious, is but the guinea's stamp. "The man's the gowd for a' that."

In South Dakota they have a Masonic Veteran's Association which apparently holds its annual sessions during each Grand Lodge, and the brethren evidently get great profit from these meetings. The objects of this association are declared to be as follows:

"To perpetuate existing friendships; to form new ones; to keep alive and fructify the zeal of the brethren; to place before the younger craftsmen an example of long devotion to the cause, and of a zeal not to be affected by the changes and vicissitudes of times and seasons; to assist in developing and preserving the history of the fraternity; to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed members of the association, and to preserve in its archives a memorial of their lives and services."

At this Veteran's meeting an address was delivered by Brother Charles W. McDonald, Venerable President of the Association. This address is packed full of meat, and we wish we had the space to give it in full. We cannot refrain from quoting the following passages with reference to the poll-parrot ritualist:

"Brethren, there must be a cause for this lack of interest; can we not discover, in part at least, a reason? When the candidate comes to us seeking that light which will enable him to safely steer his life's bark across the 'tempestuous sea of trouble,' does he find light or darkness? Does he find that difference very marked which is to 'distinguish him from the rest of the community?' Does he find in the realities of Masonry those beauties 'which his heart was taught to conceive before his eyes beheld' the actual realities? Does he receive that which he has a right to expect?

"Is it not a fact that those who can repeat the ritual from start to finish without misplacing a word, are considered by the majority of the lodges the best Mason?

"There are members of our craft—men of thought, men of moral worth, strength, and uprightness—who are daily practicing the virtues taught by our order, men who are daily striving for 'further light,' and are continually leading others to higher ground, to broader visions of life and its meaning, to greater attainments and nobler living, who are not proficient in the ritual; whose mental and physical constitution is such that it is an impossibility for them to become proficient therein; men, who, when they are asked to take part in the active duties of the lodge make but a poor showing compared with others their inferiors in moral worth. These members are really the support and stay of their respective lodges, and are in deed and truth *Masons*. Yet they never receive notice, except an acknowledgment that they are of our number, but are not considered to be of any particular benefit to the craft. When we consider this class of our membership, these questions naturally suggest themselves: Have we not drifted away from fundamentals? Have not innovations in the body of Masonry so obstructed the designs upon the trestle board, placed there by the founders of the order, that the workmen at the present time are unable to work out the original designs?

“Far be it from me to intimate that it is unnecessary to master the ritual, or that less attention should be given to this department of the work of the order than is being given; what I wish to emphasize is this: There is something more to Masonry than a smooth and glib poll parrot ritual, something to engage not the tongue only, but also the brain, and every fiber of our being, the very issues of life itself—in other words, character building; fitting us ‘as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.’ One of the first lessons we are taught in Masonry is that ‘Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors; that it is the internal and not the external qualifications that should recommend him to be made a Mason.’ ‘That our step is time, our progression eternity.’”

Tennessee.

(1909.)

Most Worshipful Edward K. Bachman, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Henry A. Chambers, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Nashville, January 26, 1910.

Judging from his portrait, Tennessee can boast of one of the youngest and handsomest Grand Masters in the world. His portrait furnishes us evidence of his manly beauty, and as we read his biographical sketch we find that he is still on the sunny side of forty. We cannot see how such a good looking chap could keep from being elected Grand Master. At least we are satisfied of this much, that he would only have to stick his head through the doors of a Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to be elected its Grand Patron. If he don't want this fate to befall him we would suggest that he stay away from such a dangerous place. His name is Edward K. Bachman, and being of Teutonic origin ourselves, we are glad to note that his ancestor, at least, came from the shores of the Rhine. Prosit, Bruder!

Twenty Past Grand Masters attended the Ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which convened at Nashville, January 27, 1909. Most assuredly Grand Master Milton H. Price, who presided over this session, did not suffer on account of a lack of counsel and advice.

In his annual address the Grand Master reports the laying of six corner-stones, including a church, a school, an orphans' and widows' home building, a lodge hall, and a postoffice building.

In his decisions he refused to grant a dispensation to a lodge “to move temporarily to the top of an Indian mound, erect a tent, and confer the Master Mason's degree upon three candidates, also during this time to have a basket dinner and barbacue, as expressed by them

to 'have a rousing good time,' " giving as his reasons: "The conferring of the degree is too solemn to be conferred in a tent like a circus and to have a rousing good time."

It has been our own individual experience here in Iowa on several occasions to secure a dispensation from our own Grand Master to hold one of these tent meetings.

During one of these meetings the tent was erected on a beautiful island located on the Mississippi river, and on the other it was erected on a great, sloping hill-side, commanding a fine view of the Mississippi Valley. In both of these cases the Master Mason's degree was conferred in full form and with due decorum, and all proper solemnity, and we see no reason why such a tent meeting cannot be so held elsewhere. In fact, we are told that our ancient brethren held their meetings "on a high hill or in a low dale," and the poet, Bryant, assures us that "the groves were God's first temples." It all depends upon the brethren who have the matter in charge. Of course, if the Tennessee brethren are of such a frisky nature that they cannot help cutting capers the moment they get inside of a tent that in any way suggests a circus tent, then their Grand Master did right in keeping them from acting foolish. But we believe that he ought to have given the boys a chance to carry out their plan, giving them, of course, a few words of caution and fatherly advice.

During the year charters were granted to seven new lodges.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is written by Brother Henry A. Chambers, who devotes one and one-half pages to Iowa, quoting from Grand Master Hunter's annual address without comment. He also quotes from the annual report of Grand Secretary Parvin, but again refrains from either approving or criticising.

Texas.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful J. J. Davis, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful John Watson, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Thomas M. Matthews, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Waco, December 7, 1909.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in the city of Waco on the 1st day of December, 1908, with a full staff of Grand Officers in attendance.

The call of the roll showed fifteen Past Grand Masters and two Past Grand Treasurers present.

Grand Master W. Lee Moore read a very fine address, the preparation of which must have involved considerable care on his part. He speaks of the prosperity of the order in his state in the following terms:

"With an affiliated membership of more than forty thousand, and with seven hundred and sixty-four chartered lodges, it is cause for congratulation that there has been no serious trouble among the lodges or dissention among the members—all seeming to heed the admonition of 'who can best work and best agree.' A kind Providence has blessed our great state with bountiful harvests and the people with their usual good health, for which all true Masons are profoundly grateful. Universal peace has reigned during the year, so that the armies of the nations have been unemployed, and their navies have been useful only as messengers of peace and good will, rather than as engines of carnage and destruction."

He makes a most eloquent plea for a more general study of the work and lectures, and in this connection he says:

"I would in no way disparage or underestimate the value and importance of greater proficiency in the ritualistic work, but would urge and encourage a more general study of the work and lectures. Proficiency in the work is not only necessary, but indispensable to maintain an active interest in and attendance upon the meetings of the subordinate lodges as well as for the development of the individual Mason. And yet Masonry, in its broader meaning and purpose and in its moral aspect, is infinitely superior to any system of signs and grips or secret work. The man who fails to appropriate its sublime lessons of morality and virtue, of benevolence and brotherhood, and make them a part of his mental and moral self, falls far short of coming up to the full requirements of Freemasonry. The man who hopes to become a *full grown* Mason must carry his Masonry in his heart, rather than in his head; and that man whose life and conduct is not shaped and influenced by the lessons learned at the holy altar and illustrated and exemplified by the work and lectures, is a Mason in name only. It matters not how many degrees he may have taken, nor how proficient he may be in the ritual, if these lessons have not quickened his sympathies, softened his heart toward his fellowman, and given him broader conceptions of his duty to those with whom he comes in social and business contact, he is as yet only an ashlar rough from the quarry—not polished, squared, and fitted to be used in our moral and Masonic edifice. The self-righteous priest, when he saw the stranger who had fallen among thieves, offered no relief or even a word of sympathy and comfort, but passed by on the other side; and the Levite came and looked on him and went his way, not caring to extend the helping hand to one in dire distress and in sore need of help. But when the Samaritan saw him he went to him, bound up his wounds, carried him to an inn, gave him money and provided for his immediate wants. The priest may have had all the degrees that had ever been devised, and the Levite may have been an accomplished ritualist, but it was the Samaritan who showed the true Masonic spirit. His sympathies went out to a brother in distress, and he extended the helping hand. And I know of no apter illustration of the principles of Masonry than is found in the example of the Samaritan.

"Lifting the fallen brother up,
Sweetening the draught in the bitter cup,
Heeding the orphan's plaintive cry,
Wiping the tears from sorrow's eye."

"These are the jewels that shine brightest in the crown of Freemasonry; these are the true tests of the Mason whose Masonry is a matter of principle and duty and not simply a convenience or an accomplishment."

We have nothing but praise for his position. We could only wish that the principles he lays down could receive more universal emphasis at the hands of Grand Masters and Masons throughout the world. As it is, we trouble ourselves far too much with the letter of the ritual, and are far too careless about understanding its meaning and imbibing its spirit.

Many Masons remind us of the story in the New Testament about Mary and Martha. For like Martha they are "troubled about many things" when it comes to the letter of the ritual. These Masons cannot "sleep o' nights" unless they have memorized the very punctuation contained in some cipher copy of the ritual, and if perchance they should say "a" where the ritual has it "the," they do not recover from the shock for a month. This sort of a brother believes that he is the best Mason who makes of himself a perfect memorizing machine.

We find these mechanical Masons in every lodge. The one trouble is in most cases it is practically impossible to make these machine Masons realize the ritualistic rut into which they have fallen. Now, understand we are not attacking the ritual, for we *do* believe in good, clean ritualistic work as nearly perfect as it can be made, but perfection in ritualistic work ought never to be exalted as the highest ideal in Masonry, but it should rather be the aim of every good and true Mason to comprehend and appreciate the teaching and meaning that lies hidden within the letter of the ritual, and if possible to weave the ideals that lie hidden there into the warp and woof of his daily life and conduct. The order will never be judged by the perfection of its members in ritualistic work, but by the kind of lives that Masons live among their fellowmen. A Mason may be letter perfect in the ritual, and yet be found dry as dust when appealed to for a little of the living water of human sympathy, consoling comfort, and helpful inspiration.

During the year the Grand Master issued dispensations to lay the corner-stones of twenty-eight different buildings, all constructed of either brick, stone, or artificial stone, and of undoubted Masonic, sacred, or public character.

With regard to conferring degrees out of time he says: "Numerous applications have been made during the year for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, all of which I declined to issue except in one instance."

This incident was that of an Entered Apprentice who was a member of the United States Navy and about to go on a long cruise to a foreign land. When will the day come when the brethren cease from asking for such dispensations? We are almost tempted to advise and suggest that each Grand Lodge enact within its Constitution a provision prohibiting the conferring of degrees out of time. It seems to us that if we were Grand Master we should have a form letter printed at the beginning of our administration refusing to grant dis-

pensations of this sort and setting forth the reasons, and mail this letter in reply to all such requests, excepting in the most urgent cases.

It seems to us that the order is growing far too rapidly anyway. We are falling into the bad mistake of making too many Masons, and making them all too quickly and too carelessly. We have prided ourselves in the past, not so much on the quantity as on the quality of our membership, and we ought to be very careful not to drift away from this ideal. It is far better to do less work and do better work, than it is to make a whole lot of mediocre Masons.

If we are not careful to guard against the too rapid growth of our fraternity we shall come dangerously near to wiping out the distinguishing line which has marked us in the past as the very best of all human brotherhoods. This we cannot afford to do.

Something ought to be done at once with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, for in his annual address he has been guilty of the following: "I would suggest that it might be a blessing to change the name of the lodge at Blessing to Blessing." We are not aware that it was one of the ancient prerogatives of a Grand Master to perpetrate preposterous puns. We believe that this portion of his address should have been referred to the Committee on "Grievances and Appeals." We are at a loss to understand how this offense was passed unnoticed by the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports.

The Grand Master decided that it was a Masonic offense for a Master Mason to slander a person who is not a Mason. Right you are, my brother. In another case he ruled as follows:

"An Entered Apprentice, after he had received the first degree, lost the palm and all the fingers of the right hand except the first finger and thumb, and I held that he was disqualified by reason of his injuries to be advanced."

This does seem to us a little hard on the brother. It leaves him hung up in the air as an Entered Apprentice through a misfortune for which he was in no way to blame. This is one of the cases in which we would almost be tempted to connive at a violation of the law.

In another case he decided as follows:

"5. A lodge received the petition of a candidate who lacked three days of being twenty-one years old, and when ballot was taken declared rejected by two black balls.

"I ruled that the irregularity of receiving the petition of the party under age would not justify rescinding the action taken, and the candidate must stand rejected for two years."

But it seems that the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence did not look upon this decision as sound, seeing that with reference thereto they report as follows:

"In decision No. 5, the Grand Master rules that the casting of two black balls against a petition for initiation from one who was less than twenty-one years old when the petition was received, operates as a rejection of the candidate for two years. We hold the action of the lodge in receiving the petition of a person less than twenty-one

years old was void; that the lodge acquired no jurisdiction of the petitioner, and that the ballot thereon was an absolute nullity. The candidate stands in the same attitude as if he had never petitioned the lodge at all."

We are inclined to agree with the committee and not with the Grand Master.

With reference to dispensations to solicit aid he reports as follows:

"Application has been made by several lodges for permission to solicit financial aid in rebuilding their lodge buildings, which had been destroyed by fire or cyclones, and also by individual Masons to solicit aid from lodges and members, assigning various reasons as justifying such a course. However, I understand it to be the settled policy of this Grand Lodge not to authorize or permit, but to prohibit lodges and individual Masons from making such use of Masonry, except in case of some great public calamity, and I have therefore refused all such requests."

Again we heartily endorse his action.

The annual oration was delivered by Brother Jewel P. Lightfoot, and it is one of the very best that we have had occasion to read. We only regret that the space allotted to us will not permit of our copying it in full. We will indulge ourselves, however, to the extent of quoting the following passages:

"Masonry has existed from the time that man came into a knowledge of the existence of the one true and ever living God.

"It received much of its present form at the time of the building of the temple as we teach it. The Sages in Chaldea, Egypt, India, China, and Persia had an esoteric creed and taught only through symbols the immortal truths of God, and his attributes to the enlightened among them. The truths reflected by their symbols were understood by their initiates, but were mysterious to the vulgar or profane.

"Many of our most important symbols were employed by the ancients, and the researches of archeologists demonstrated that they symbolized the same truths which they now reflect to us:

"'On the ruins of Mandore, in India, among other mystic emblems is the mystic triangle; it is also found on ancient coins and medals excavated from the ruins of Oojein and other ancient cities of India.'

"The more ancient temples were roofless, and had no other covering than the sky.

"The ruins of the circular towers of the Druids, the temples of Chilminar, in Persia, and of Baalbec, in Syria, have traced upon their walls many of our important symbols, including the number of the constellations, the signs of the Zodiac, and the cycles of the planets.

"The vestments of the priests of Horus, of ancient Egypt, and of the Lama of Thibet, were covered with crosses.

"Pythagorus and Plato, the most mystical of the Grecian philosophers, who had traveled in Phœnicia, Egypt, India, and Persia, taught the esoteric doctrine and distinction between the initiated and the profane, and employed many of our emblems to symbolize their conceptions of the attributes of Deity.

"The square being an instrument applied to flat or plane surfaces, alludes to the material nature of man. The compass being an instrument to describe circular bodies, alludes to our celestial or spiritual

natures. They both rest upon the sacred law with the material or square overshadowing and weighing down the spiritual; but as we study the law, understand the divine will, practice the virtues, and proceed toward the light, the points of the compass are gradually elevated above the square and our spiritual nature is exalted above our material desires. From that point the soul begins ascent into the higher life where it may learn of the transcendent righteous God, whose beneficent glory illuminates the entire universe, and whose majesty and justice is supreme. Then the words of the Evangelist will be comprehended in the saying: 'This, then, is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not tell the truth. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another.'

"It is through our great fraternity that the universal brotherhood of man is to be accomplished, for around our sacred shrine the just and upright of all nations may kneel—the Christian, the Moslem, and the Hebrew alike. Here it is that we find the great hand of Providence weaving the golden thread of brotherly love that will knit the human race together.

"My brethren, let us not become debased by the spirit of commercialism or materialism, but like the illustrious Tyrian let us practice those virtues which are the foundation of true integrity. Let us learn well the truth that, 'A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver or gold.'

"Let us spend more energy in learning and teaching the sacred truths reflected behind our beautiful symbols.

"Let us look upon our sacred altar as a holy place, where the covenants were made and promulgated, bestowing upon the human soul the priceless boon of immortality.

"Let it ever be as a beacon light upon a dreary coast, for the sorrowing and storm-tossed souls of every land.

"Let it ever be one secure place where the soul can come with its sorrows, its trials, its sufferings, and, kneeling before it, meet, in spirit, the same effulgent light which shone above the altar of Jehova-Jireh, the thunder of whose voice arrested the hand of Abraham, and whose infinite love raised up a prince of the house of Judah, through Isaac, bringing peace to the souls of men.

"May there ever be found around the sacred altar faithful and benevolent brethren ready to reach down, and, placing their strong arms about the sorrow-stricken, lift him up again, placing his feet upon the firm rock of faith, and by loving ministrations cause the star of hope to rise again in the midnight of our brother's despair.

"Let us take the great light of Masonry as the rule and guide to our faith and practice, and so govern our natures that it may be said of our brotherhood:

"'But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.'"

Eighteen new lodges were chartered during the year.

A pleasing incident was the address of Past Grand Master R. M. Elgin, who for more than half of a century has been a member of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He said in part:

"I first sat in this Grand Lodge in 1850, when George M. Patrick was Grand Master, and saw his successor, Thomas M. Hardeman, elected and installed. I was a member and present fifty years ago when the present system of work was adopted, and which was so

excellent and satisfactory that scarcely a change has been made in the ceremonial and but few in the verbiage since. For nearly a half century I have been almost a constant attendant and working member of the body, until prevented by physical infirmity, and in looking over the large assembly of Masons I am struck with its growth and progress. Around me are Masons whose gray hairs attest their age, mature wisdom, conservatism, and experience. To them we can confidently entrust the preservation of the ancient landmarks. Here, too, we meet the young men, full of zeal and energy. They form the strength and governing force of the organization. I am glad to meet you all, and thank you for this opportunity of presenting my greetings."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the work of Brother Thomas M. Matthews, who comments upon our "handsome and profusely illustrated volume of Grand Secretary, Brother Parvin."

He compliments the Grand Master because of the fact that among the dispensations issued by him there were "none permitting undue haste in making Masons."

He refers to the fact that the Grand Master has been pestered by "inquiries on Masonic law propositions which the inquirers could ascertain with less expense of time and labor by consulting his Masonic Code than by writing to the Grand Master."

Here is that everlasting evil popping up again. We believe that the following prescription would furnish a more or less effective remedy for this disease:

Let the Grand Master on coming into office issue a circular letter containing an order directing the Master and Secretary of each lodge in his Grand Jurisdiction to read the Masonic Code from end to end and certify back to him that they had so within thirty days from the receipt of the order, and at the same time notify them that thereafter no questions upon Masonic law would be answered by the Grand Master until the inquiring brother first certified over the seal of the lodge that he had looked in the Code but had been unable to find the answer there. We believe that the issuance of such a circular and a rigid adherence to the rule therein laid down by the Grand Master cannot help but practically destroy this everlasting nuisance.

It seems that our brethren in Texas are not yet convinced of the wisdom of the Iowa plan for distributing relief, and they still adhere to their faith in the institutional plan of granting charity.

It seems to us that the one fine thing about our Iowa plan is that we can grant our relief so smoothly and so quietly that we hurt no one's feelings while in the act of helping them. Every inmate in an institution, be it Masonic or otherwise, cannot help but feel that he is to a large extent published to the world as an object of charity, and it does seem to us as though this cannot help but hurt his self-respect. Our Iowa plan of charity helps the recipients of our bounty to help themselves. It gives them a chance to continue to live in their homes and does not separate them from their circle of old friends and ac-

quaintances. No one likes to be cooped up in an institution, no matter how well managed and pleasantly conducted it may be. To become an inmate of a charitable institution of any kind cannot in our opinion help but have a weakening effect upon the character of the inmate. We believe that the personal pride which makes a man fight hard against becoming a public object of charity is a thing which ought to be fostered and encouraged in every human being.

My dear brethren of Texas, you will have to "go some" before you can convince us that the Iowa plan is not absolutely all right.

Utah.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful James Henry Brown, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Salt Lake City, January 19, 1909.

The first page of these Proceedings is adorned with a portrait of the most pleasant and attractive countenance of Grand Master James Henry Brown. He is certainly a pillar of beauty, as well as of wisdom and strength.

We recall very distinctly a good many years ago of listening to a high school commencement oration on the subject of "Perseverance," delivered by a short, stocky, determined-looking young man that made a great impression upon us at the time. We recall clearly the closing of his oration with the following familiar lines, which he delivered in tones ringing with enthusiasm, courage, and great will power:

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round."

The fact that the young man of those days practiced what he preached in that oration is evidenced by the fact that in 1908 he was elected Grand Master of Masons in the state of Utah.

William James Barrette, or "Billy" Barrette as the boys called him in those good old days, was possessed of a splendid constitution with which to back up his tremendous intellectual enthusiasm. He was the best batsman we had in our high school nine, and as we look back over the years we can still see him seize the willow stick in his quick nervous grasp, see the ball shoot towards him from the pitcher's hand, hear the whack of the bat on the ball, and see that ball go climbing away over the fence into the next block, while Billy scurries around the diamond, makes a home-run and still has time left to go around again if the occasion had required. He certainly made "leather hunters" out of the other side.

As we finish reading his remarkable business-like annual address, written in a lucid style and with a literary grace of its own, we are satisfied that he has played the part of Grand Master with the same vim, intellect, and energy with which he helped us clean up the other side in a baseball game. But better than all this there breathes throughout the length and breadth of this splendid address the true spirit of Masonry, showing this Grand Master to have been possessed of a fine and lofty conception of the ideals of the institution over which he was called to preside. He has a habit of taking situations just as he finds them, neither minimizing or exaggerating them, but looking them squarely in the face and making of them the very best he knows how. Summing up the year's work, he says:

"The year has been practically without unusual incident; certainly nothing untoward has occurred; no great clouds have crossed our Masonic sky; we have pursued the even tenor of our way with almost monotonous regularity. Were it not for the requirement that that the report shall be in detail, it might almost be made by simply borrowing from the mariner his 'Thirty fathoms; all's well!'"

And we like the ring of this:

"But one adverse criticism can fairly be made upon the work of any of the lodges, and that is upon the attempt on the part of the larger and stronger lodges to do too much work at a single meeting. The growing practice of conferring two, three, four, and even five Master's degrees in one evening cannot, in my judgment, be too strongly condemned. The work under such circumstances must inevitably become perfunctory. In justice to the officers, in justice to the candidates, in justice to the craft, and in justice to the lessons sought to be conveyed, the practice should be discontinued, by inhibition if necessary."

On the subject of decisions, he writes:

"The human failing which impels a man to follow the line of least resistance, and to ask some one else to decide a point upon which he is in doubt, when he could by a little study decide it for himself, has furnished me the usual crop of questions to be passed upon. Most, if not all, of them could be answered by making reference to the proper section of the Code, and were thus disposed of. No one of them involves a decision which justifies recording or specially commenting on to you.

"I urge that the brethren study the Code more; it would even be better to run the risk of developing a few contentious parliamentarians and statutory constructionists, for the sake of leavening the loaf, than to go along presenting the same or similiar perennial questionings."

We fear, however, that his admonition to study the Code will pass unheeded by his brethren. Many a good brother and fellow has allowed such admonitions to pass unheeded before.

In our own state, acting as Grand High Priest, we took the bull by the horns and peremptorily ordered the High Priests and Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters under our Grand Jurisdiction to read the law from end to end and certify to us in writing that they

had done so. In other words, at the opening of our administration we conducted a correspondence school in Masonic law, and in this way had the satisfaction of knowing that our local Chapters were presided over by High Priests who had at least read the law, and that the records were kept by Secretaries who had been in the same way forced to familiarize themselves with that same law.

It seemed at first a rather severe step to take, but we have become satisfied that the good of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction has been greatly promoted thereby, fewer mistakes being made, and the affairs of the Grand Chapter and various local Chapters running much more smoothly by reason of this enforced study of the law.

Grand Master Barrette's clear grasp of a situation, his lucid analysis of its ingredients, and his wise disposition of a case will be shown by the following decision:

"On November 28th I granted a special dispensation to Argenta Lodge, No. 3, to confer the Fellow-Craft and Master Mason degrees upon an Entered Apprentice of that lodge, under these circumstances: One Bertram Charles Whitcomb was regularly elected by Argenta Lodge, No. 3, to receive the three degrees. The election was held in accordance with Section 2, Article XVI of the Code. 'There shall be but one ballot for the three degrees. * * * .' He paid the required fees in full for the three degrees, and was thereupon initiated as an Entered Apprentice. Some weeks later, when coming into Salt Lake City on the train from the smelter-town of Garfield, he met with an accident resulting in the loss of both feet. He is now compelled to use artificial feet and to carry a cane or canes. On the evening of the day of the accident he was to have met by appointment with the then Senior Warden of Argenta Lodge, for the purpose of being instructed in the work and prepared for examination for advancement. I am advised that Brother Whitcomb is not in any sense a dependent, but is more than ordinarily ambitious to go on in the various relations of life as though nothing had happened.

"I granted this dispensation upon two grounds:

"*First.* It is authorized under a well settled precedent in this jurisdiction; and I have no disposition to seem to be wiser than my predecessors and elders.

"*Second.* Independent of precedent, inherent justice authorizes it. The facts are *sui generis*. Whatever may be said pro and con upon the general subject of physical qualifications for the degrees, is in this case really beside the question. In this instance the man is already a Mason, made such before the accident befell him. As such, a certain relationship has already been established, and mutual obligations already exist."

Further on, speaking of the state of the craft and the devotion of some of the smaller lodges, he says:

"But these lodges have done better than merely increase their membership; they have kept the faith. The peculiar problem in the civic life of this state reaches the acute stage in these communities, and the material from which our membership can only come is limited there. Enthusiasm seems not to wane with them however; at Hiram Lodge, No. 12, for instance, though three of the principal officers, including the two Wardens, have to drive distances of from seven and one-half to ten miles to reach the lodge, they are always on

hand. This should furnish food for reflection for some of the officers and members of our larger and stronger lodges who can be turned away from their lodge meeting by the most trivial circumstances."

The following will show how he managed to dispose of a troublesome matter:

"The only incident in the year which even approximated the inharmonious, resulted more from genuine zealousness and earnestness on the part of the offenders, and from a misunderstanding of the exact relations existing between Grand Lodge and constituent lodge, than from any intent or desire to be insubordinate. When the matter was laid before the offending brethren, satisfactory explanations were offered, discipline became unnecessary, and the incident was closed. *A very little tact will usually straighten out almost any of the difficulties or misunderstandings that arise among men who are really striving to see 'who best can work and best agree.'*"

We desire to call attention to the great volume of wisdom packed away in the last sentence of the paragraph last quoted. Verily, here was a Grand Master who knew how to wield the trowel.

Writing on the subject of the proper use of the ballot, he says:

"Absolute candor compels me to make the following observations, not by way of carping, but by way of warning:

"*First.* That in a few instances at least, mere complacency on the part of members, a readiness to suppose that because some one has proposed a candidate that, therefore, he must be eligible, and a proneness on the part of examining committees to do their work only perfunctorily, have destroyed the usefulness of the black ball.

"*Second.* That persons are being allowed to take the three degrees whose only apparent purpose in doing so is to enable them to take the so-called higher degrees, and who never appear in a Blue Lodge meeting after being raised.

"I make these observations not for the purpose of being critical, but in the belief that while we are congratulating ourselves upon our prosperity and our growth and our strength, we should also have the courage to look fairly and squarely in the eye anything that has in it aught of menace."

During the year the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the Episcopal Church at Provo, with full Masonic ceremony.

Speaking of a banquet held at one of the silver trowel meetings, he pays a beautiful little tribute to Grand Secretary Christopher Diehl in the following words:

"There was one scene at the banquet which followed the ceremonies that evening which I shall not soon forget. It was when they called upon the 'Nestor of Utah Masonry' to respond to a toast. When our Grand Secretary rose to his feet it was minutes before he could be heard; cheer followed cheer, and then rang again, followed, to relieve the tension, by the rollicking 'For he's a jolly good follow.' There were tears in the eyes of more than one of those present."

On the subject of legislation he utters a warning which may well be heeded by Grand Lodges all over the world. He says:

"Let me specially urge upon you that you avoid an error that has too frequently occurred at our annual communications, and that is

the presentation of proposed legislation at the last hour of the last day of the session. Such legislation cannot, in the nature of things, be but ill-considered, and its effects worse than useless."

The conclusion of his address is also worth repeating here. It runs like this:

"Very shortly I shall, under your instructions, give into the hands of some other brother named by you the sacred trust which you heretofore laid upon me. I am not at all fearful that mistakes of mine could injure this institution—so great is it—any more than I should be so vain as to suppose that any acts of mine could add lustre to it. But I have all the cravings of the normal human heart, not the least of which is the yearning for the approval and trust of my fellow men. For my shortcomings, therefore, I beg your generous forgetfulness, for such faithfulness as I have observed your fraternal remembrance, and for myself, independent of the high honor you have given me, some measure of affection in return for the love which I bear to you and to our common cause."

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and also to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. It deferred recognizing the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland and the Grand Lodge of Greece.

It seems that the Grand Master of Utah is entitled to wear an official signet ring, and that he is required at the close of his office to deliver that ring into the hands of his successor. This forms a beautiful ceremony at the close of each Grand Lodge session. The speech of presentation by the retiring Grand Master and the address of acceptance by the incoming Grand Master being very fine.

On the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone above mentioned the address was delivered by Brother George Townshend, and we think the following extract beautifully epitomizes the entire teaching of the order:

"Masonry is founded upon three principles: The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul. Masonry is built upon a rock. Masonry is a gospel of work. There is a nobleness and sacredness about the work. Blessed is he that has found it. The Great Architect of the Universe we worship is a working Master and a working God. The ambition of Masonry is to build a temple of human character; in doing which humanity is the beneficiary of our work and efforts."

The traveling silver trowel evidently proved of great inspiration to Utah. Nearly 250 Masons took part in the ceremonies attending its reception in Idaho City, and inspired some most eloquent remarks on the part of various Masonic orators. Grand Master W. J. Barrette was eloquent, as usual, as is witnessed by the following extract:

"There is here, then, Worshipful Sir, the inspiration to work and to agree and then to hope; the inspiration to learn to know and understand and believe in our fellow men; that in the end it may be given to all of us—those to whom God's mysteries are as an open book, and those to whom they seem inscrutable and beyond human ken—to all it

may be given to know somewhat of what was really meant by Him who said, 'And the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' and that the day shall indeed come when men shall recast their swords into plow shares and homing doves shall build their nests in the cannon's mouth. There is here the inspiration to prove by daily experience that men of different attainments, different beliefs, different callings, different temperaments, may and do, when they have a common moral purpose, and are each attuned to the doctrine of mutual help and development and to the doing of right for right's own sweet sake, make a moral and spiritual harmony, a harmony that must in truth be pleasing to the Most High Himself, and such a harmony as shall continue to sound through the ages to come, until blending with the singing of the morning stars it shall with them usher in a new and more glorious day."

One of the finest Masonic addresses it has ever been our pleasure to read was delivered by Brother P. A. Simpkin, as will be witnessed by the following quotations:

"As I take from the Senior Deacon this gleaming and beautiful implement of that man to be envied and honored, a true Master Mason, you ask me what message it brings to the West. It is not a message, but messages, spoken in a babel of tongues, messages whose music and poetry are the inspiration and the despair of any human tongue. In the flashing light of it there seems to shimmer the reflection of that pillar of glorious flame, ever increasing, with which God has lighted the stumbling feet of men and given to be his beacon on the road of empire and destiny. In its symmetrical beauty there is spoken the storied marvel of racial advance from the broken chaos of the far yesterdays to the splendid achievement and organization of the social order as it is marshaled in living beauty for service in the earth. In its symbolism there is the clarion note to which the throbbing heart of the race responds as it moves to perfectness in brotherly love.

"This implement typifies the spirit of the age and the spirit of Masonry. The operative trowel speaks the spirit of the yesterday. From the hour that man formed his dream of progress as he stepped from under the cave roof to the roof of God's world, catching the vision of a Father's face, and builded the rude walls that encased the fine things out of which the most beautiful fabric has been woven to which the fingers of men have been laid, the trowel speaks of progress. His dark but splendid temples, within whose recesses cowered the hideous things of superstition, but indicated views of a God so abhorrent that we are repelled by their recollection; his fairer palaces of beauty builded to satisfy the vanity and caprice of the world's accidental overlords, or to shrine the patiently wrought bits of genius the human soul produced, all the marvels that long since crumbled beneath the gray dust and the drifting sands were shaped by the trowel.

"The trowel's message of the yesterday is not its highest and best. That message is in the clear voice that speaks the spirit of the institution. The uplift of man from the place of the beast to that of childhood under God, the recognition that in brotherhood and service there is alone the glory of life, these are the things in which we rejoice and base our pride.

"The time was when most of the great passions and ideas that moved in the earth when the trowel spoke as an operative instrument were vain things. The broken relics of the idols of yesterday, pomp, power, dominion, are not beautiful. Cæsar at the base of Pompey's

pillar; the handful of dust that was the fiery heart of a world master, fretted to its stilling in St. Helena, speaks under the dome of the Invalides a whisper that will voice forever the vanity and the pain of selfishness and human glory. They voice no more an appeal to us; for the life of one Shaftesbury moving a ministering spirit amid the squalor and poverty, the sin and need of his time and glorying in his motto, 'I serve;' one Lincoln, breaking the alabaster vase of his genius in a life of charity and service is greater than all the Cæsars of history.

"That voice, Worshipful Sir, that speaks of brotherhood, that tells of the chivalry of service, that speaks the ordered life of loving fraternity is the one truly befitting the time.

"To all the circle of human life it seeks to carry the appeal of the best and highest.

"And this venerable institution, the pioneer of all those great companies of men who toil for the uplift and the salvation of society, in a realizing of the fundamental longings of men has found its joy in seeking to bring to flower the white blossom of the soul's love, to clothe with brighter array the gray garbed company that has looked so long for day, brightness, joy.

"And that spirit which has wrought so wondrously in the past, that is speaking of the greater thing to be in the today, has naught mythical in it, for it is only love, that common thing that L'Acordaire spoke of in his pregnant sentence. 'A pinch of the dust of a loving heart outweighs the world.'

"And its last message rings like the tinkle of an angelus, sweet as the low song crooned by the mother over her bairnie, singing of the place of heart's desire, of the eternal, the message which the golden brown leaves of the acacia speak as they toss back the sunlight to the sun and answer light with light—the abiding. It is not only that we build, but He the Father builds, and in the trowel's beauty and light there is the soul's well-set hope based in the teaching of Him, the world's elder brother, the hope that rests satisfied in the Father's love that when life has been squared to its end, there will come the time of building into the living temple, where his trowel shall spread mercy's mortar over our failings and brokenness and together we shall realize the Master builders high and perfect plans for life."

We would cheerfully commend the reading of these eloquent utterances to Brother Chadwick, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence from the state of Washington, who thinks that this trowel "ought to be canned up in the postal museum at Washington along with the postoffice dog (now stuffed), the express agent's hat, and other curios designed to interest the children attending our great exposition." It makes all the difference in the world, Brother Chadwick, whether you look at a Masonic symbol with reverent eyes, or whether your gaze penetrates no farther than its surface.

We realize perfectly well that the circulation of this trowel can become a nuisance. Yet, on the other hand, after reading the foregoing eloquent sentences you must admit that in one case at least it was a source of tremendous enthusiasm, and gave the Masons of Utah a red letter day which they will long remember.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the work of our venerable Brother Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary of Utah, and we desire to congratulate him on the fine piece of work which he has turned out.

He reviews the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge held at Clinton in 1907, and says of Grand Master Cleveland: "The address of Grand Master Cleveland is a most attractive Masonic document, in which he recites his official transactions in words that cannot be misunderstood."

Speaking of the matter of troubling the Grand Master with requests for decisions in trifling matters and of Brother Cleveland's suggestion to the brethren to look in the Code for an answer to their questions, Brother Diehl says:

"That is good and wholesome advice. Wish every Grand Master would do likewise and that they could if they would, is the opinion of every member of the reviewers guild. Rendering decisions is a fad that seems to grow. It is a real pleasure to read an address of a Grand Master who puts his foot down and says, read for yourself."

Brother Diehl epitomizes Past Grand Master Clark's views and opinions on Masonic subjects in an interesting way when he says:

"He is opposed to the lately gotten up fad of documentary evidence for visitors; does not believe in Masonic Homes for destitute Masons, their widows, and orphans; thinks that an unfavorable report of the Investigating Committee does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot; cannot conceive the necessity of Sunday work; holds that a man who cannot write nor read is eligible; sees no wrong in delivering the charges *memoriter*; has no use for a law that places condition on the granting of dimits; and cipher rituals are not in his dictionary."

You will have to admit, "Charlie," that Brother Diehl has you sized up just about right.

Vermont.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Lee S. Tillotson, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Marsh O. Perkins, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Burlington, June 9, 1909.

The fine, handsome features of Grand Master Charles A. Calderwood smile out upon us from the first page of these Proceedings. We like the way he holds his head. He reminds us very much of a military gentleman of the old school. Facing his portrait is a short sketch of his life, showing that he has been an intensely industrious, energetic man all his days, and has received many honors in Masonry at the hands of his brethren of the various bodies and several rites of the order.

In his address, speaking of the mission and work of the order, he uses these ringing words:

"The work of Masonry is never done. It stands for the progress of mankind, intellectually and morally. And until human nature is perfected there is need of its works. Masonry strenuously inculcates all that is implied in the phrase good citizenship. No people can long remain really free unless the mass of its citizenship is good. That in our own land this is largely the case, we may be thankful. The popular protest against instances of wrong doing, individual and corporate, is proof that deep down the conscience of the people is sensitive and sound. To maintain and develop this moral tone is the work of Masonry. The church, the school, the press, as well as our own institution have this end in view. Masons are good citizens in proportion to the fidelity to Masonic teaching. No good Mason can be untrue to his country. Where free institutions are lacking Masonry is weak. Or we may reverse the statement and say that only where Masonry flourishes are the people free. My brethren, it is a glorious privilege to be a part of such an institution and to further such a work."

Under the head of "Irregularities" he reports a most interesting case which took place in Ethan Allen Lodge, No. 72. It seems that a member of that lodge was convicted and sentenced to two years in the state prison at Windsor, Vermont, for manslaughter, he having pleaded guilty, but that the lodge did nothing "toward bringing the member to trial for unmasonic conduct and purging the good name of the fraternity from the stigma of carrying on the roster of the lodge a brother convicted of so serious a crime."

The Grand Master ordered the Master of the lodge to have charges preferred and bring the accused to trial. After some quibbling on the part of some members of the lodge, this was done and a day fixed for the trial. The trial was in charge of the Junior Warden. He waived the matter of testimony and stated his case. Brother Allen Martin spoke in defense of the brother under charges, ballots were cast, and the brother declared not guilty. But this did not satisfy the Grand Master, who at once set the trial aside on the ground that no evidence having been presented to support the charges the failure of the prosecution to introduce evidence rendered the trial irregular and void, and ordered new charges prepared, notice served, and a trial had; and that a transcript of all the papers and records of the lodge pertaining to the trial be sent to him, and threatened that unless his mandates were carried out more drastic measures would be applied. He instructed the Deputy Grand Master to be present at the second trial. Evidence was introduced to prove the charges. Brother Allen Martin again appeared as counsel for the defendant and moved that the charges be dismissed on the ground that the defendant had been tried once for the offense in question. This motion was overruled by the Master, and Brother Martin maintained that the ruling was an error. A ballot was then taken and the accused found guilty. A vote on the punishment of expulsion was not carried. A vote was then taken for suspension which also was not carried, leaving the only punishment to be a reprimand, and here the lodge closed without taking any further action in the case.

The Grand Master then summoned the officers of the lodge to appear before the Committee on Grievances at the Grand Lodge to show cause why some or all of the members should not be expelled or suspended, or the charter of the lodge be arrested "that the fair name of the Masonic fraternity throughout the state may not suffer for the moral depravity of the few." He also summoned Brother Allen Martin, who was counsel for the accused, to appear before the same committee to show cause why he should not be dealt with for unmasonic conduct in arguing before the lodge that his client was not guilty notwithstanding the facts were not disputed. And also for claiming in his argument before the lodge that the overruling of his motion to dismiss the charges by the Worshipful Master was an error.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that Brother Martin was *not* guilty of unmasonic conduct in his defense of his client, but that together with some other members of the lodge he was instrumental in leading the lodge into error, for which they recommended that the *lodge* be reprimanded, that the charges against *Brother Martin* be dismissed.

They further reported that Brother Martin's client had been found guilty of unmasonic conduct, and that as his lodge had imposed no penalty, they recommended that the accused be indefinitely suspended by the Grand Lodge, and the report of the committee was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

We are glad to note that the charges against Brother Martin were dismissed, for if they had been sustained such a course would tend seriously to interfere with the right of an accused brother to be defended by counsel, and the right of counsel to free speech in making that defense.

We admire the determined persistence of the Grand Master in compelling Ethan Allen Lodge to perform its Masonic duty. Yet we cannot help but feel that there is something back of and underlying this whole case that does not appear on the surface. It is obvious that the brethren of his lodge were anxious to protect the accused from punishment, and we feel that they must have had some good reason for their attitude in the matter. They were in a position to have the best knowledge concerning all of the facts of the case, and perhaps knew best what was deserved by the accused. The whole affair has a most peculiar aspect from beginning to end.

We note that on the question of expulsion the ballot was seven "Yes" and thirty-eight "No," and that on suspension the vote stood twenty-three "Yes" and twenty "No," and that Vermont still maintains the old rule that a two-thirds vote is necessary to inflict punishment on a brother, and, for aught we know, to find him guilty. We have noticed that in the matter of a lodge trial this two-thirds rule is a nuisance. It often practically convicts a brother in the eyes of the members of his lodge and renders him worthy of a definite degree of punishment, but at the same time fails to convict and punish him in truth and in fact.

We believe that when the majority of the members of a brother's own lodge vote to find him guilty and to punish him that that majority vote ought to be effective for that purpose.

We realize that the Grand Master had presented to him a very embarrassing dilemma in this case. Here was a brother doing time in a state penitentiary for a felony. Such a condition could hardly be allowed to go unnoticed by the craft, for the order could not retain a felon among its members and at the same time hold its own self respect. On the other hand, the brethren of the accused's own lodge, the Masons who knew him best, were disposed neither to convict nor punish him Masonically for whatever he might have done to bring upon himself the sentence of the profane court. Perhaps it can well be argued that if the brother did not expect to be suspended or expelled from his own lodge he should have thought of this at the time he pleaded guilty in the profane court, and thereby subjected the fraternity to disgrace on account of his plea. We also notice that even the Grand Lodge did not *expel* the accused, but simply imposed upon him the sentence of indefinite suspension, and this in spite of the fact that he was at the time wearing the garb of a felon. Taking it all in all, it is one of the most interesting cases we have ever met in Masonic jurisprudence, and for that reason we have taken the pains to report it here so fully.

We have read with considerable interest and profit the address of Grand Master Calderwood delivered at the annual meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and feel that the following passage taken from that address is worthy of quotation:

"I was particularly struck by the words of a song I heard a few days ago. I will repeat them, as it seems to me that they apply to all, more particularly to us as Masons:

" 'So in the harvest if others shall gather
Sheaves from the fields which in spring ye have sown,
Who reaps or who sows matters not to the reaper,
We're only remembered by what we have done.'

"Evermore to be remembered by what we have done, the sacred ties that bind us as brothers to our country and to our God, and the discharge of this trust is left entirely with each of us. Should we not stop and consider the immense responsibility resting upon each one of us, and so shape our lives that every action would have this personal responsibility of each of us constantly before us? And to think, my brethren, that we are to be ever remembered by what we have done. Let us do our duty fearlessly, preparing our hearts and minds by study, that by precept and example we may do our duty.

" 'Shall I ask the brave brother who fights by my side
In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?
Shall I give up my friend, valued and tried,
If he kneel not at the same altar with me?' "

"No. In all our intercourse with the brethren rather let us be governed by the broader principle that whoever is aiding in the uplift of man is our friend and our brother."

Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins makes the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and has been hard at work,

for he has gathered together 170 pages of most interesting information. Commenting upon the invasion of American territory by Scotland, he writes as follows:

“The action of Scotland in not only continuing the erection of lodges, but of District Grand Lodges, on American territory, may bring the jurisdictional question nearer home to American Grand Lodges than has been thought possible. One might have thought fraternal comity would have restrained ‘Auld Reekie’ from further activity in the Hawaiian Islands, but the jingle of guineas and pounds, coupled with the tinkling of shillings and pence, has apparently proved too much for her cupidity. The erection of a Grand Lodge within and for the Islands can be predicted safely as of the near future, and unless Scotland enters upon a different course than that of the past and present, American Grand Lodges, especially those of the United States, will find a question of ‘fraternal courtesy’ towards the mother Grand Lodges of the world brought home to them weighted with something besides expediency and shuffling uncertainties. Meanwhile to avert a threatened contest, and to reduce the possibilities of the evils of the same to a minimum, every Grand Lodge in the country should enter a fair protest against the continued Masonic domination in any measure by foreigners of American territory, wherever found.”

And we must say that we heartily endorse his sentiments and would suggest to the brethren of Scotland that they have no more right to “butt into” American territory than Tam O’Shanter had when he invaded by night the “Auld Kirk” at Alloway, and attempted to pry into the secrets of the clandestine lodge which was then in session in that famous old ruin.

Commenting on the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Brother Perkins speaks in commendation of Brother Cleveland’s “admirable address,” and quotes from “his beautiful exordium” at length, and heartily endorses our Grand Master’s sentiments when he avers that the ritual is not all there is in Masonry.

Brother Perkins is warm in his praise of the splendid work done by Past Grand Master Charles C. Clark as Committee on Correspondence from our own Grand Lodge, and quotes liberally and very favorably from Brother Clark’s magnificent report.

Virginia.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George W. Carrington, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Time and place of next meeting not given in Proceedings.

We have hunted through these Proceedings in vain for an index to the same, and the only satisfaction we find in not finding such an

index lies in the knowledge that when the good brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia come to look up something in their Proceedings which they are in a hurry to find, they are likely to indulge in the same amount of sulphurous atmosphere that your committee has allowed himself in trying to locate the vital things contained in their report.

It is to be hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe will cause the Grand Secretary, Brother Carrington, to see a great light in the matter of this index before another set of Proceedings are published by this Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Eggleston seems to be a bright and capable man, judging from the portrait on the opening page of these Proceedings. We do not believe that such a good looking man as this ought to be made to suffer during his administration for want of an index to the Proceedings.

The Grand Master delivered an address covering twenty-five closely printed pages, an address upon which he has expended considerable time and effort. He extends to his brethren "a cordial welcome to the One Hundred and Thirtieth Grand Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge."

Speaking of the antiquity of the institution he says:

"Masonry is 'from time immemorial.' And although it may antedate the written record of time and the oral tradition of man, it has an origin. And who knows but that when God said, 'let there be light and there was light'—light that illumined the world—that with it came forth the light of Masonry to light up and adorn the mind of man, and from thence the God-given principles of Masonry were transmitted from generation to generation until the present time? Who can assert or prove to the contrary?"

We join him in his condemnation of the practice of installing a Worshipful Master by proxy. Concerning this practice he says:

"I held, Section 142 to the contrary notwithstanding, that the installation of a Worshipful Master by proxy was not conducive to the best interests of the lodge and ought not to be permitted. His installation is unique. He is required to give his solemn and unequivocal assent to vital questions concerning his conduct in relation to his own lodge, the craft generally, the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, and the strict observance of immovable landmarks of Masonry that no proxy can answer for him with any binding force."

Among his interesting decisions we find one on the question of physical fitness, as follows:

"That a cripple, who is compelled to use crutches, and cannot stand without them, whose left foot and limb are crippled to such an extent that his left foot cannot be placed flat on the floor, and who cannot stand on his right foot without assistance, cannot be made a Mason."

He pays his compliments to the non-affiliate in the following words: "A non-affiliate, having no rights in Masonry under our laws, has no right to instruct a candidate in Masonry."

The postal card craze has taken on a new form in his Grand Jurisdiction, and concerning it he rules as follows:

"That while we have no law on the subject, I regard it as very improper for a lodge, or a committee appointed by a lodge, to send out postal cards soliciting assistance for a needy member or other person having claims on the lodge. Masonry is one great family and soliciting aid for one of our destitute brethren, or other claimant, is a family matter which should be kept within the privacy of our lodge rooms. This cannot be done if postal cards are thus used."

The following letter will also be of interest as describing a lodge of which our beloved George Washington was himself the first Master:

"Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, gave a splendid banquet, May 9th. The occasion was graced by the presence of Most Worshipful K. Kemper, Past Grand Master; Most Worshipful Francis J. Woodman, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, to whom I extended a cordial welcome into the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, and others. The Master's degree was conferred in splendid style by the Worshipful Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 4. This was my first official visit, and very fitting it was, having been elected Grand Junior Deacon in the city of Alexandria eight years before."

He reports a peculiar instance with reference to the "healing" of a brother of a foreign jurisdiction:

"In July I was informed that a German Mason, living in Richmond, desired membership in Temple Lodge, No. 9, but hailing from a Grand Jurisdiction whose Grand Lodge is not recognized by this Grand Lodge he could not be recognized as a Mason. Upon request, strongly endorsed, I authorized Temple Lodge, No. 9, to 'heal' him by administrating to him the three O. B.'s in open lodge in the degrees to which they respectively belonged. This being done he could apply for membership, his application therefor to lie over one lunar month."

We do not feel that this practice ought to be encouraged, although we suppose that if a Grand Master has the right to make a Mason at sight, he has a right to have a "German Mason" of this sort "healed" in this way, yet even to a lawyer it looks pretty much like "monkeying with the law."

We regret to note that the Masonic Home of this Grand Jurisdiction has suffered financially during the year.

Permission was granted the craft to lay fourteen different cornerstones during the year, the same being for churches, public halls, public school buildings, high schools, and one Masonic hall.

Owing to the want of an index and to the further fact that he has failed to sign his name to his report or to put his name at the head of his report, we have had a hard time in finding out that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was the Grand Master, Brother Joseph W. Eggleston. Now, this may be very becoming modesty in Brother Eggleston, but it makes a whole lot of bother for us of the round table who are chasing through a bulky volume to find out who is our representative at that table from Virginia. Please don't do it again.

Brother Eggleston devotes two pages to Iowa in his report, in which he quotes extensively from the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand Master Clark.

We still think that Iowa has the best of the argument with regard to the "sawdust" (as the statistical tables published in the Proceedings have been designated), for this much at least is true, Virginia publishes the entire membership list of every Blue Lodge within its borders. Iowa does not.

Now, while it may be "good for what ails you" to see your name in print in the Masonic Proceedings, it nevertheless takes up a lot of room and makes the Grand Lodge spend for its printing and publication bill money that could well be devoted to other laudable purposes. For instance, in this same state of Virginia, to help out its Masonic Home.

Washington.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Royal Amenzo Gove, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Horace Walter Tyler, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Stephen Charles Chadwick, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Seattle, June 15, 1909.

It is a pleasure to pick up the Proceedings of this state, to note that they are nicely bound in limp board covers of blue silk cloth, with gold lettering, making a beautiful volume.

The fine, strong face of Grand Master McAllaster looks out upon us from the frontispiece of this book, and creates in us a desire to know him personally.

One hundred and fifty-seven of the one hundred and sixty-one chartered lodges were represented at this annual communication.

The address of welcome on behalf of the local committee was delivered by Brother George Lawler, of Tacoma, who paid the Grand Lodge a gracefully worded compliment in the following terms:

"We regard this Grand Lodge as the embodiment, the conservator, the collective force of the greatest moral uplift in the state. Unlike the pious saint, whose very purity of life makes him unfit to mingle with men, beautiful to behold but too fragile to touch, your influence is felt in every walk of life. As the waters fertilize the desert, making it blossom and bear fruit, your practical, every-day morality develops in men a desire for better things that results in action. Morality mixed with 'horse sense' is the only prescription of practical benefit to the great bulk of humanity, and it is because Masonry serves this staff of life that it is so powerful among men. *Angel food may be a proper diet for angels, but men require bread.*"

The response to this address of welcome on behalf of the Grand Lodge was delivered by the Junior Grand Warden, Brother Jeremiah Neterer, who said in part:

"These friendly words we appreciate. They remind us of the sublime principles and the cardinal virtues of this grand institution, that through life should have practical application in our daily walk. The brother says there is a trust reposed in the Masonic fraternity in behalf of humanity. We acknowledge the obligation, and while we may not like the way the cards are shuffled, did not choose the game, or ask to play, we shall, through all the odds and changes, unruffled, play the cards that are dealt us day by day, and remember that—

"'Happy is the man whose every act will bear
The rugged test of life's unerring square,
Who, while he lived, unswervingly he trod
And stood firmly before his Maker and his God,
Seeking by acts of charity and deeds of love
To gain admittance to that celestial lodge above,
Knowing that the ashlar in the rubbish cast
Will be received as the corner-stone at last.'"

Speaking of the Grand Lodge in his annual address, Grand Master McAllaster says:

"It is an inspiration to be a part of such a gathering. As you look around, you see the men who are making the communities of which our state is justly proud—men whose force and energy are exerted in behalf of the best things which enter into our state and national life. There are men who have no time to waste over small and useless things, no strength to expend in that which is of no importance when accomplished, and the fact that they are giving of their time and strength to Masonry proves its worth to the world. Know them all before you go home. Carry back with you the inspiration of their spirit. Be better and stronger for the influence of this week."

In looking over the decisions of the Grand Master we are struck with the good horse sense displayed by him in the following decision as to the matter of physical qualifications, to-wit:

"A petitioner who has lost the first joint of the index finger of the right hand can comply with all the requirements of the several degrees, and is therefore eligible."

During the year the Grand Lodge laid corner-stones for three buildings. One, a school for defective youth at Vancouver, another a state industrial school at Chehalis, and the third the new federal building in the city of Spokane.

A most happy occasion was one which occurred in the form of a visit by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Washington to its mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Oregon, on the day following the close of its last annual communication.

One of the "Ancient of Days" was fittingly recognized when Right Worshipful Alvin B. Roberts, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1861, was invited to a seat in the East, and greeted by the Grand Master "with most kindly words of welcome." It is needless to say that Brother Roberts expressed his appreciation of the honors paid him in a feeling manner, and that the entire incident was welcomed by the brethren with applause.

Isn't it wonderful, boys, how the old fellows never quite lose their love for the craft? It teaches us that Masonry, like good wine, is one of the things that improves with age, and that the more we study it and live it, the more of value it comes to be.

A special committee to arrange for the celebration of the semi-centennial of the Grand Lodge reported an elaborate program, which was duly adopted. We Masons here in the Mississippi Valley are surprised to learn that our Washington sister has attained such an age. We had supposed that she was still a skittish young thing, lapping her pink toes in the waters of Puget Sound, and capering about through the pine forests after spruce gum. We had no idea that she was a settled and dignified matron of fifty winters.

Brother William H. Acuff delivered the annual oration. He makes what we consider an uncalled for apology, or what he calls an "explanation" when he says "I am not a minister of the Gospel." We are at a loss to understand these fellows who seem to think that the ministers have a monopoly on all that is high and fine and sweet and good and true, to such an extent that the common layman cannot make himself heard on exalted topics without first apologizing because he is not of the cloth.

With regard to Brother Acuff's oration, we have this to say, that we have been compelled to listen to the droning sermon of many a regularly ordained minister who did not even begin to reach the heights of inspiration and eloquence to which our brother ascended in this annual oration, and as to its religious inspiration we will leave our brethren to judge from the following quotations:

"My relation to the Masonic brotherhood has been such as to elevate, enrich, and broaden my whole life. I have had so much of help from their hands that I can never expect to pay the debt, except as I may help others. Kindness and love have come to me from my first entrance into the brotherhood. I have ever found a brother's hand extended to help, and a brother's heart to sympathize in all my trials and sorrows. I have ever found Masonry to be the synonym of manhood. The world at large is coming to know that the Mason is indeed one to whom the burdened heart may go for sympathy and the needy for succor.

"As God has revealed his plans on the trestle-board of the ages gone by, so now He has placed before us stern duties, placed upon us grave obligations, granted to us wondrous privileges; the obligation to help each struggling fellow-being to know the truth; our duty to illustrate in our daily intercourse with the world that our actions are incited by the light that he has so generously given to shine in our souls; the privilege to lend the helping hand, to speak the needed word of cheer, to do the kindly act. Love, always love, was the mission of the Carpenter's Son, the burden of His message, the labor of His life—'love one another.'

"Masonry, having no creed, has opened wide her doors, asking of her votaries only that they believe in an overruling Providence, a first great cause, the Creator and Judge of all things in heaven and on earth. Without a creed she teaches the immortality of the soul; that God is just; that He is merciful, a loving Father, and that every human soul is a part of Him, no matter how far it may wander, yet it

always is within His care and love. It teaches the votary that to serve his Father the best he must serve and love his brother."

In our humble opinion it makes no difference whether great thoughts uttered and noble words spoken come from the lips of a preacher or a blacksmith, so long as they come straight from the heart of a good, clean, strong, sincere man and Mason.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland were recognized, but the Grand Lodges of Cosmos and Chili are still compelled to cool their heels in the ante-room, while the Grand Lodges of Greece and of Italy were kept waiting on the door-step. Not that we are condemning this action, because we believe that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence acted wisely and well in making its report.

The office of Grand Historian was created, such official to be appointed by the Grand Master and to hold office during his pleasure. This action we cannot but commend.

Under the head of "Visitors" we find the following item which cannot help but be interesting to all of those who, like your committee, have come to know and love Brother Norris:

"Most Worshipful Brother Stephen J. Chadwick announced that Most Worshipful Brother William Henry Norris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was in the Temple, and suggested that he be invited to attend the further sessions of the Grand Lodge, whereupon the Grand Master appointed Most Worshipful Brothers Chadwick and Atkins and the Senior Grand Deacon to escort Most Worshipful Brother Norris into Grand Lodge. He was then introduced by Most Worshipful Brother Chadwick, and received with the Grand Honors and invited to a seat in the East by the Grand Master, who welcomed him most cordially. Brother Norris responded by a few remarks, thanking the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for the courtesies shown him."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is a magnificent piece of work. Brother Chadwick has certainly labored and toiled faithfully to turn out 170 pages of such excellent material. One feature deserving especial praise is the finely detailed index to the report, a feature that we do not often find in connection with these reports. Brother Chadwick is certainly "a hustler from away back." He is kind enough to devote four solid pages to Iowa alone. He don't like the business of sending a symbolic trowel tramping around the globe, and thinks that the trowel ought to be canned up in the postal museum at Washington "along with the postoffice dog (now stuffed), the express agent's hat, and other curios designed to interest the children attending our great expositions." And in this we cannot quite agree with him, for if Mr. Trowel succeeded in trampling on the toes of some of our dead-and-alive Masons and awakening them to at least temporary enthusiasm, we are glad that he was permitted to travel in foreign countries and receive wages in the shape of toasts and speeches.

Brother Chadwick bids a sad adieu to Brother Morcombe as Fraternal Correspondent from Iowa, and in the same sentences stretches forth a hand of welcome to Brother Clark, who takes his place. What he will say now, when he finds that "the iron pen" has been passed along to still another scribe, we are at a loss to guess. We hope and trust that our report will meet with at least a small portion of the kind words of congratulation which he has seen fit to shower upon those of Brothers Morcombe and Clark. Yet we do not envy either "Joe" or "Charlie" any of the bouquets that have been tossed their way, because we know that they have both earned every one.

Brother Chadwick says he is a catch-as-catch-can artist in throwing out his Fraternal Correspondence Reports. It makes us think of the time when Farmer Burns "rassled" with the big Frenchman from St. Louis, who had been putting on so many airs, and who was so much surprised when he found that he had to go to the mat beneath this simple, rustic country lad. We believe that Brother Chadwick had better substitute for his catch-as-catch-can phrase the phrase, "plug and toil forever," for we feel that it is only that sort of thing that could possibly have turned out the magnificent report to which his name has been appended.

West Virginia.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful Emmet M. Showalter, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful H. R. Howard, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Wheeling, November 10, 1909.

This volume of Proceedings is prefaced by a fine photogravure portrait of Grand Master Emmet M. Showalter. We are confronted with the features of a fine, clean, strong man, with a square set jaw and a well poised head. We like his fearless, honest eye, and size him up as a soldierly sort of a fellow, and would not be surprised if at sometime or other in his life he had enjoyed the advantages of a military training.

Farther on in the book we find a splendid picture of the new Masonic Temple erected at Fairmont by the brethren of that city. It is a substantial looking structure, seven stories in height, and architecturally one of the handsomest for its size that we have ever seen.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge of West Virginia generally on the splendid style in which their Proceedings are gotten up, and especially appreciate the typographical work and the fine illustrations that illuminate the volume.

In opening his address Grand Master James A. Bryan said:

"Upon this, the forty-fourth anniversary of the organization of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I congratulate you upon this auspicious occasion. This magnificent Temple with its splendid surroundings, and the prosperous city of Fairmont, reminds us that forty-four years ago amid surroundings much different from the present, after several unsuccessful attempts the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was finally organized in Fairmont on Wednesday, April 12, 1865. The brethren who had at heart the interest of Freemasonry in West Virginia laid the foundations of this splendid superstructure of which we are proud, and today with its 12,000 members and 140 subordinate lodges we have within our ranks the best, purest, and most noble citizenship of our Great Mountain state."

He expresses his sentiments on the subject of death in a quotation which we are glad to repeat here:.

"What is death
To him who meets it with an upright heart?
A quiet haven, where his shattered bark
Harbors secure, till the rough storm is past.
Perhaps a passage overhung with clouds
But at its entrance, a few leagues beyond
Opening to kinder skies, and milder suns,
And seas pacific as the soul that seeks them."

During the year eleven corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, being those for one railway building, one high school, one Y. M. C. A. building, and eight churches, seven of which churches belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. It is quite evident that the Methodists of West Virginia are enthusiastic Masons.

On the subject of "perpetual jurisdiction" Grand Master Bryan has this to say:

"This Grand Jurisdiction adheres to the law of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. I do not believe the law is a good one, and certainly not in keeping with the progressive march of other jurisdictions. It is not a landmark, but a custom which has been adhered to in a few Grand Jurisdictions only, and I believe it works injury to the cause of Masonry and keeps good material out of our lodges. While it is not proper to question the motive that prompts a brother to cast a cube, yet we know that too frequently a personal prejudice prompts the casting of the cube, and the victim of such a prejudice must suffer for such action and should he remove to another jurisdiction he has no release. The law ought to be a relic of the past, for it is not in keeping with the spirit of Masonry, nor with the teachings of that great light in Masonry, the Holy Bible, which admonishes us if we sin, redemption is possible. I believe a term of five years is sufficient jurisdiction for any lodge over a petitioner. A great number of jurisdictions hold one year as sufficient. I have been in correspondence with the Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions in regard to this matter and submit their responses to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Forty-one Grand Masters responded, and of this number only eleven Grand Jurisdictions hold for perpetual jurisdiction, while a majority hold one year as sufficient. I recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Lodge to change this law. It might be well for the Grand Secretary to publish the list showing the term of years held by each Grand Jurisdiction. It would save unnecessary correspondence between Grand Masters for waiver of jurisdiction where a waiver is not required."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported legislation restricting the jurisdiction of lodges over their rejected candidates to a period of three years, but for some unknown reason the Grand Lodge refused to adopt this amendment and apparently still clings to this worn out relic of perpetual jurisdiction.

We trust and hope that the day will soon come when all of the Grand Lodges will have thrown this relic of the past out among the rubbish of the temple to lie there forever.

The Grand Lodge refused fraternal recognition to the Gran Logia Cosmos of Chihuahua, but extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

Three new lodges were chartered during the year.

At the banquet of the Grand Lodge on November 11, 1908, Right Worshipful John Dunbar Baines delivered a toast on the subject "My Impressions of Freemasonry," from which we quote the following characteristic passage, in which we heartily concur:

"In the perpetuation of our American idea of government, what estimate can be placed upon the influence of that vast body of our citizenship, called Masons, who are repeatedly taught that we all stand on a level, and that none are entitled to high place unless their actions and lives stand the test of both square and plumb, having first learned to circumscribe the desires of the mind, and to keep in due bounds the passions of the body by the compasses whose one point is religion, and whose other point is reason. And, again, the church, which in these latter days has seen her doctrines attacked, her rules of life set aside as obsolete, her God denied and His word ridiculed, will never know that in Freemasonry she has her strongest ally. We Masons doubt not the existence of God, nor deny either His rule, or His right to rule over this universe, which is His own handiwork. No atheist can be made a Mason. Nor can a Mason speak lightly of that Holy Bible, which is pre-eminently the great light in Masonry, and upon whose sacred pages he has been obligated. Nor do we discredit religion, as is the modern fashion, on the ground that it is old and not fitted to present conditions; for Masonry, too, is old, and we glory in our hoary past. Among men who have been taught to revere the ancient landmarks of our institution there is little danger of finding those who sympathize with the idea that the world has outgrown the Bible—an idea now becoming so prevalent among that class of men who have small respect for beliefs, whether religious, civic, or sociological, that are any older than themselves."

In this same toast Brother Baines contends that the tragedy of the third degree typifies the *immortality of the body*. This is a doctrine to which we are not ready to subscribe. In the first place, we believe that the evidence is against this contention, for you will remember that when the body of our Grand Master Hiram was raised from his first grave it was again interred in a more suitable manner with full Masonic honors, and a marble monument erected to perpetuate his memory. We cannot conceive how anyone who places any reliance on the evidence afforded by his senses can have any faith in the immortality of the *body*. Man has had innumerable and unquestionable demonstrations of the fact that the *body dies*

and turns to dust. A thing that dies cannot be spoken of as immortal. It is not our *bodies*, but our *souls*, which are immortal, and even our souls do not *become* immortal, but they now *are*, and always have been immortal. Immortality means to *continue* living, it does not mean to die and get alive again. Of course, if Brother Baines by the use of the word "body" means the "spiritual body," of which Paul speaks, then he is simply using a figurative term for soul, or spirit, and we are quarreling merely about words and not about realities. Yet it is always better in matters of this kind to use precise and exact language. The "blood and bones body" dies and turns to dust and ashes. It is the soul, or spirit, of man which constitutes "that immortal part which can never, never, no never, die."

One of the pages of this volume of Proceedings is devoted to the memory of "all Masons good and true who died on land and sea since this memorial page was printed one year ago." We think this is a fine tribute and a custom that is worthy of emulation by the rest of us.

On another memorial page we find this simple inscription, which will please every Iowa Mason:

"Reverence for our deceased brethren; emulation of their good deeds, and the erection of a monument on the tablets of our hearts to their memory, is befitting all good Masons.—*Grand Master Hunter, Iowa.*"

Brother H. R. Howard is the author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Past Grand Master Howard has succeeded in getting together about two hundred pages of most interesting and readable matter. He devotes three pages to our own Grand Jurisdiction, and speaking of our Proceedings says: "The Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for this year is a decidedly handsome volume, gotten up with care, and, as usual, a fine specimen of typography."

Of Grand Master Hunter's address he writes: "It is a carefully prepared report in detail of his administration, showing a busy year for him."

Of Grand Secretary Parvin he writes: "Some idea of the magnitude of the work of his office may be gained when you are told that the correspondence alone amounts to nearly fifteen thousand communications annually."

Speaking of the work of Past Grand Master Fellows as Committee on Correspondence he writes: "A review of his work shows that he made good in his aim to avoid a collection of dry statistical routine Grand Lodge Proceedings on the one hand, and on the other an undue airing of his own views, either critical or commendatory."

Wisconsin.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful J. E. Durgin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Aldro Jenks, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Milwaukee, June 8, 1909.

We miss from the opening pages of these Proceedings the portrait of the Grand Master that is usually found in the printed Proceedings of most of the Grand Jurisdictions.

We regret that this is the case because we like to look into the faces of the men who guide the destinies of the Grand Bodies throughout the world, and to rejoice each time to read from their portraits that they are worthy of the title "A man and a Mason." We trust that Wisconsin will in the near future inaugurate the custom of printing a portrait of its Grand Master as a frontispiece to its printed Proceedings.

In his annual address Grand Master Spencer M. Marsh says to his brethren: "I extend through you to the 24,000 Masons of the state whom you here represent kindly and fraternal greetings."

It seems that he has been overrun with requests for special dispensations, and we sympathize with him heartily when he says: "The urgent and persistent requests for these special dispensations have perhaps constituted the greatest annoyance of any of the work connected with the office." Some of the brethren seem to think that it is the duty of the Grand Master to get up an appetite every day by considering and answering requests for special dispensations. We can assure them that he really has something else to do besides answering such requests. By far his greater trouble seems to be caused by a peculiar provision of the Masonic law of Wisconsin which requires a candidate to have a residence of one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge and two years within the state. We would suggest that if the Grand Lodge would reduce this to six months within the lodge and two years within the state that it would immediately cut down this flood of requests for dispensations.

When he says with reference to the Masonic ballot: "A ballot cast in ignorance of the candidate's qualifications is equivalent to no ballot," we are disposed to respond with a hearty amen. Again, when he states: "I have received requests for dispensations permitting two, and even three degrees to be conferred upon a candidate in one day and evening, all of which requests have, of course, been refused." We are satisfied that his action will receive the hearty commendation of all good Masons throughout the world.

The reasons for such refusal are best shown in his own language. He says:

"Some one has said, I think, that we are making *members* faster than we are making *Masons*. Perhaps that is a pessimistic view of the situation, but isn't there food for thought in the statement? Masonry means something more than paying the fee, receiving the degrees, committing the lectures to memory, and the wearing of a Masonic badge. Beautiful and impressive as the various lectures are, they sometimes seem to be received and committed by the candidate as a mere form of words, without sinking into his mind and conscience as a code of morals which should keep him within due bounds for the balance of his natural life. No matter how impressively the degree work is rendered, it often fails to make the candidate know that every sentence is fraught with meaning, and that his conduct not only while in the lodge-room, but everywhere, week in and week out, to the end of his career should be governed accordingly."

The fraternal orders which have crumbled away into the forgotten nothingness of the past have been those who have been hastily put together out of poor and cheap material. There are two things essential both in buildings and in institutions; first, that the material should be sound and good; and second, that it should be carefully fitted into place.

This insane hurry to pump the three degrees into a candidate in one night is due to the poor conception that so many brethren have of the aims and ambitions of the order.

They think that it is the conferring of the degrees alone that makes a Mason. While in one sense this may be true, yet on the other hand the longer one works upon "the house not made with hands" the more keenly he comes to realize that we never finish the task of making Masons of ourselves, that there is always something still to be learned, always a fleeting ideal which is never quite grasped and realized, always looming heights toward which we must continue forever to climb.

We commend heartily Grand Master Marsh's words contrasting precept and example when he declares in this address:

"I know of no better way of teaching the principles of Masonry than by practicing them. No matter how impressively the lecture on the tenets of our profession is delivered to the candidate, the moment the new member discovers that the officers who conferred the degree upon him, or the older members of the lodge, are not living in accordance with those principles, that moment the lecture loses any effect it may have had upon him."

His words on the subject of Masonic Charity are well worth quoting:

"The giving of alms is one of the many expressions, but not the essence of this virtue. In the language of Addison, 'charity is a virtue of the heart, and not of the hands.' If it were not so, none but the wealthy could be charitable to any great extent. Masonic charity is of that quiet, unostentatious type practiced without any demonstration or publicity. Even the giving of alms is usually done by a Masonic lodge without the knowledge of the public, and sometimes even the recipient does not know who his or her benefactor is. As

a commendable virtue compare this sort of charity, if you please, with the immense gifts or endowments by wealthy men to public institutions, heralded abroad in the newspapers through the press agents of the donor—gifts induced sometimes, I fear, by the anticipation of this publicity, and the direct or indirect benefits that will naturally result therefrom.”

The report of the Committee on Obituaries is short, but very, very good. We are sure that this writer voices the cry of every human heart in these words:

“However degraded a man may be, yet there are times in his experience when, like the Psalmist, his ‘heart crieth out after God, the *living* God.’ Other objects of pursuit or of desire may charm for a time, yet none of these can satisfy the cravings of the human heart. Just as a little child is uneasy and fearful without the presence of the loving mother, and cries out after her, so man, especially he who loves to walk in God’s ways, feels to cry out in his desire for this communion, ‘As the heart panteth after the water-brook, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.’”

We note that the Grand Lodge refused to extend Masonic recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. It does seem a pity, in view of the fact that so many of our American brethren are traveling in Mexico, visiting and doing business there, that there is not some legitimate, regular Masonic body there to which we can grant Masonic recognition and with whose members we can assume fraternal relations. Sooner or later this question will have to be solved. The pressure is so strong that it must result in some sort of solution. Either the Valle de Mexico will be recognized or some other body will arise to fill this long felt want.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks. It is a fine piece of work, covering 170 printed pages, and in it he devotes a full page to the work of Past Grand Master Clark, who was then Iowa’s representative at the round table, and we may say here that Brother Clark has good reason to congratulate himself on the many words of praise and commendation with which his hard work as correspondent of our Grand Lodge has been universally recognized by the critical men of great ability who conduct the Masonic correspondence of all of the Grand Jurisdictions of the world. Those of us who have the pleasure of his personal acquaintance and have come to know and love him as a brother, as well as to admire his ability, are more than glad to note these many fine tributes.

Wyoming.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful M. P. Wheeler, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful W. L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful W. L. Kuykendall, Committee on Correspondence.

Next Annual Communication, Cheyenne, September 1, 1909.

The frontispiece of this volume of Proceedings consists of a photo gravure portrait of Grand Master Marion P. Wheeler.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge met in Sheridan, on September 2, 1908.

We note that five of the staff of Grand Officers were absent, and the Grand Master was compelled to appoint substitutes to fill their places. No explanation of this absence is given. Neither did these absent officers report later in the day, and as the session occupied only one day they did not attend at all.

Speaking of the state of the order in his annual address the Grand Master says:

"The official year just closed has been one of healthy growth both in membership and in financial conditions. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our borders, and the only strife that has been brought to my knowledge has been 'as to who best could work.' In traveling throughout this Grand Jurisdiction I have constantly held this matter of work before the lodges. The work, as commonly so called, sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, I am glad to say, is strictly followed by all the lodges that I have visited, so far as understood by them; and the officers and members have welcomed any information that was needed. But to convey the true inward meaning, the hidden teaching and even the history of the ceremonials should be studied; and it has been my aim to incite and encourage the study of what Masonry really means and teaches, among the officers and members, more than the form that we use to convey those truths."

The following poem appears in his address under the head of "Necrology," and as we believe it ought to be read by every Mason we take pleasure in repeating it here:

"THE HARVEST OF DEATH.
(By Albert Pike.)

"Mourn not him whose star has set,
While its light is with us yet;
While remembered words are dear,
While his spirit meets us here.

"Nothing done is done in vain,
Words and deeds alike remain;
Memories soft and sad become
Angels luring us to home.

"Living men are heavenward led
By the errors of the dead;
Murmur not, but work and pray;
Death is heaven's dawn of day."

One of the decisions rendered by the Grand Master will attract general interest. It is:

“Statement.—A brother petitioned a lodge for affiliation. After the ballot had been taken the Master asked the Junior Warden how the ballot stood in the South, but before receiving an answer he was informed by the Senior Warden that it was fair in the West. Having examined the ballot himself, he stated that it was light in the East, and declared the brother elected to membership in the lodge. At the next regular communication the minutes were approved without protest, but before the close of the lodge the Junior Warden rose and stated that the ballot at the previous meeting was dark in the South. A brother also arose and stated that he cast a black ballot.

“Question. Is the brother duly elected to membership?

“Answer.—The Master having declared the brother elected to membership and there having been no objections to the ballot when the officers of the lodge declared it white, no question can arise at any subsequent meeting, nor can the ballot be set aside by the Master, Grand Master, or Grand Lodge. (See Section 84, Grand Lodge By-laws).”

In view of the fact that “a brother also arose and stated that he cast a black ball,” it seems strange to us that this decision should have been allowed to stand. In our own jurisdiction we have a law which provides that if one brother, after the election of a candidate, and before his initiation, makes an objection to the initiation of the candidate, such objection shall have the same force as a black ball, and the candidate shall stand rejected. We believe that it was most unwise on the part of the Master of the lodge, and of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, to sustain this so-called election after the statement made by the brother that he had cast a black ball, and we regard it as an invasion and an overriding of the rights of the objecting brother.

The mere fact that although the objecting brother did not object at the time the ballot was declared white, yet *did* object before any degrees were conferred upon the candidate, ought not to allow this election to stand.

We believe that the Constitution and Laws of the Masonic order in the state of Wyoming are in need of an amendment which shall make the objection of a brother before initiation have the same force as a black ball.

During the year two corner-stones were laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, one being that of a Methodist church, and the other that of a county court house.

The following recommendation made by the Grand Master with reference to brethren engaging in the liquor traffic will show how far and wide the agitation against this traffic has spread:

“As temperance is one of the cardinal virtues which Masons are charged to practice and inculcate, and as this grand order stands for the elevation and not the debasement of mankind, I firmly believe that the time has arrived for this jurisdiction to put into practice that which Masonry teaches. With the whole of this country aroused,

awakening to the disastrous results of the liquor traffic, and the profane generally demanding legislation regarding this evil, this, the oldest and purest of fraternities, should follow the lead of almost all others and adopt some rule prohibiting the receipt of a petition from anyone engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, or the retaining in membership of a member who hereafter engages in such business."

The following, taken from the report of the Grand Secretary, will be of interest to the craft at large:

"CLANDESTINES, FRAUDS, AND DEAD BEATS.

"The country is swarming with men who are determined to live either in or out of prison upon the earnings of those who labor either mentally or physically. Among them are many men belonging to clandestine so-called Masonic lodges; others who have been suspended or expelled from regular lodges, and still others who are frauds pure and simple and who never belonged to any kind of an organization claiming the name Masonic. All have one purpose in view, which is to travel around beating their way by means secured from regular Masons and regular lodges. We have a rigid law requiring all would-be visitors not personally vouched for to present a designated form of certificate of good standing, which, properly interpreted, means, no certificate, no examination and no visit. The same requirement applies, or should apply, to all who interview the Master of any of our lodges between lodge communications, and, above all, I wish to impress officers of our lodges with their duty to warn their members to demand the required certificate of all strangers claiming to be Masons who may present themselves, and upon production of the same to refer them to the Master of the lodge for further and final examination."

We cannot help but feel that Brother Kuykendall has exaggerated a little when he says that "the country is swarming" with bad men among whom are "many men belonging to clandestine so-called Masonic lodges." That is certainly not the case with us here in Iowa, for it has been many years since we have heard of any such Masonic fraud attempting to travel on his fake Masonry in our state. We believe that if the Grand Lodge of Wyoming has not already done so that it could greatly profit by subscribing to the reports issued by the National Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, which for a small compensation issues frequent reports and descriptions of such dead beats as happen to think they can work their way around the world by relying upon their spurious Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa is a subscriber to this institution, and the dead beats have found it out and give our state a wide berth.

A number of years ago by means of the information furnished us through this Relief Association we managed to send to the penitentiary for a year's term at hard labor one of these Masonic frauds, since which time we have been practically free from any such imposition.

Regarding the plan of having a lodge send out printed notices of the candidates applying for the degrees, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported adversely, assigning for their report the following reasons:

"First. The ballot and work notices are bordering too closely on the prohibition of revealing anything taking place in a tiled lodge.

"Second. If such a notice fails to come into the proper hands or gets lost, it might give information to outsiders which would cause discord among the members.

"Third. The members who cannot or do not take part in the working of the lodge business are not entitled to any information which they can obtain by making inquiry of the proper officers."

And we are satisfied that the committee has the best of the argument, although we do know that there are some lodges who make a practice of sending out such notices, having in mind in particular one lodge at Mt. Vernon, in the state of New York.

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Wyoming has the custom of printing in its Proceedings all of the decisions by its several Grand Masters which have been approved by the Grand Lodge from the date of its constitution up to and including the date of its last annual communication.

We are unable to ascertain from the copy of the Constitution and By-laws executed in these Proceedings whether these decisions have the force of precedents or not. At any rate, it does seem to us that if they are of any force as Masonic law that they should have been properly indexed so as to enable a brother seeking the light on some legal proposition to come to it easily and readily.

Brother Kuykendall, the Grand Secretary, is the author of the Report on Correspondence. He devotes about two pages to a review of our Proceedings for the year 1908.

He doesn't like our law permitting a Grand Master to issue a dispensation for a re-ballot, and in this we are in hearty accord with him. In view of the fact that where there is only one black ball cast it is compulsory upon the Master to immediately order a second ballot as a verification of the first, we see no reason why there should be any further balloting done upon the candidate, either by dispensation or otherwise, excepting perhaps only in such cases where the brethren who cast the black ball are willing to certify that they did so under misapprehension. Yet even in such cases it has been our experience that when a re-ballot has been granted by virtue of the issuance of such a dispensation, that it has simply resulted in a second rejection for the reason that other brothers, becoming suspicious on account of the first rejection, have made up their minds to take no chances on the candidate, and have for that reason black-balled him on general principles.

Brother Kuykendall agrees with Grand Master Hunter in refusing to allow a brother who has petitioned a lodge for the degrees, and has become an actual non-resident before the next meeting, the right to be elected.

Speaking of the report of Past Grand Master Fellows he says that "Brother L. E. Fellows has an excellent Report on Correspondence in the Proceedings."

Alberta.

(1908.)

Most Worshipful G. H. Hogbin, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful George Macdonald, Grand Secretary.

Worshipful E. A. Braithwaite, Committee on Correspondence.

We desire to congratulate Grand Secretary Macdonald on the well arranged and neatly printed volume of Proceedings which he has turned out. In view of the fact that his Grand Lodge is only three years old his work is very good indeed.

We hardly think, however, that he shows the very best of taste in putting before the names of the Grand Officers in his Grand Jurisdiction the titles by which they are known in the profane world, such as "Reverend" or "Doctor." Masonry regards no man for his wealth, honors, or worldly titles, and in the lodge it makes no difference whether a man is a D. D., an M. D., or an LL. D., or whether he is only a common craftsman toiling in the quarries. We all meet upon the level and one Mason is as good as another in the eyes of the craft.

We notice also that during the year fourteen dispensations were issued "to wear regalia at divine service." We believe that the issuing of such dispensations is a mistake, for reasons which we have fully elaborated in our review of the Proceedings of Illinois, Florida, Indiana, and Canada.

In his annual address the Grand Master says regarding the care which should be taken by the lodges in investigating the qualification of candidates:

"In a country like ours, where new people are continually coming, much more care is required on the part of the Committees on Character than in an old settled community where the majority of the applicants have been born and brought up in the neighborhood. In such places the work of such committees is not nearly so arduous as with us. In our jurisdiction many of the applicants have only completed the term of residence required by our constitution, and the greatest care should be taken by the committee."

We think his remarks here afford a very good reason for his not issuing dispensations "to act on petition without sufficient residence," and yet we note that he did issue three such dispensations during the year.

We observe that the Masonic membership in this Grand Jurisdiction has made a gain of thirty per cent during the last year, and we congratulate the brethren of Alberta upon this healthy growth in membership.

This growth is also evidenced by the fact that the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation reported in favor of granting charters to fourteen new lodges.

The Committee on Benevolence reported "that no occasions have arisen for relief;" the Committee on Appeals and Grievances "that nothing under above heading has required any attention from us," and the Committee on Jurisprudence "that nothing has arisen to exercise their wisdom," which terse reports indicate a fine condition of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

This Grand Lodge publishes no report reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

Summary.

In going over the foregoing report, for the purpose of making an index of the same, we have come across a number of matters which we believe are of wide, general interest to the craft, are worthy of special comment, and some of which are matters concerning which we believe we are in a position to offer some helpful suggestions. We shall deal with these matters in the order in which they have arisen.

SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE.

When this catastrophe occurred at San Francisco no fraternal order responded more generously to the calls for relief than did the Masonic Grand Lodges of the world, who sent great sums in the shape of relief funds to the assistance of their suffering brethren at San Francisco.

We have several times heard a suggestion of scandal in connection with the management of funds sent to San Francisco for relief purposes by other organizations and institutions, but the Masonic order may congratulate itself on the fact that not the slightest suggestion of graft or mismanagement has arisen in connection with the administration of Masonic funds sent to the Masonic organizations of California and San Francisco for the aid and assistance of suffering Masons. No charity funds were ever managed more wisely, or more intelligently distributed, and honestly handled, than were the funds which the Masons sent to their brothers on this occasion.

The fraternity all over the world, and particularly in America, responded generously to the cry for help, quickly sending thousands upon thousands of dollars to the Masons of the stricken city.

In each case the receipt of the funds was promptly and gratefully acknowledged by the Masonic officers and committees in charge of the relief work, careful and accurate account was kept of all funds received, and in the end a large balance remaining unexpended was returned with scrupulous care and exactness to the various Masonic lodges and organizations who had donated it, and every cent honestly accounted for. All this is to the great honor and glory of our California brethren and reflects great credit not only upon them, but upon the fraternity itself, and forms one of the brightest and most inspiring incidents in all Masonic history.

The thought of inventing some sort of excuse for keeping this money in California, and of appropriating it for purposes not strictly charitable never for a moment occurred to our San Francisco brothers, but the fund was at all times handled by them as a sacred trust. In these days when so much talk is abroad in the land about dishonest methods, and a careless disregard of financial duty and responsibility, it is most encouraging and refreshing to contemplate this exhibition of unquestioned and sterling honesty. It furnishes us with one of those occasions which cause us to realize the true meaning of the old saying that "an honest man is the noblest work of God."

We have felt that we had no right to close this report without paying this feeble tribute to the splendid integrity of the Masons of California.

USELESS LODGE STATISTICS.

It is with regret that we have noticed that so many Grand Jurisdictions still cling to the custom of publishing in their printed Proceedings membership lists showing the names of every officer and member of every subordinate lodge within the jurisdiction. It does seem to us that the publication of such lists can serve no useful purpose, and is simply a waste of good space that might be used for nobler and better purposes, and that by refraining from their publication each Grand Jurisdiction could save money which might be put to much better use.

GRAND LODGE DECISIONS.

There is hardly a Grand Master's annual address that does not contain a complaint because the brethren of his Grand Jurisdiction have persisted in pestering him with silly and absurd questions about Masonic usage and Masonic law, and have insisted in wasting his valuable time in compelling him to write letters answering questions which they could readily have answered for themselves by simply taking the trouble to read the law as it is printed in the Masonic Codes.

This has been true not only during the past year, but for many years prior thereto, and it does seem that some remedy ought to be found for righting of this ancient wrong, and correcting this hoary abuse.

We would suggest in this connection that each Grand Master at the beginning of his administration, or at least at regular intervals of every two or three years, send out an order requiring the Master and Secretary of each lodge in his jurisdiction to read from end to end the codified laws, decisions, and precedents of that jurisdiction, and to certify to him within a fixed time that they had done so, and that he couple with this order a warning to the effect that no information on the subjects of Masonic law or usage would be given until the brother applying therefor would first procure a certificate from the Master of his lodge that he had looked in the Code for the required information and had been unable to find it there.

We believe that a resort to such an order would result in the officers of each lodge getting and keeping posted in matters of Masonic law, and would save the Grand Master much time and effort, as well as postage, and would leave him free to devote himself to the more important work of upbuilding the order within his Grand Jurisdiction.

In this connection we would heartily commend the practice followed by the Grand Masters in several jurisdictions in having their lodges set apart regular nights known as "Code and Digest nights," at which meetings the Masonic Code is read to the lodge, section by section, and discussed with much profit and instruction to the craft.

CODE INDEX.

It would not be right or fair, however, for a Grand Master to refer an inquiring brother to a Masonic Code which was not indexed, or so poorly indexed that its index was little better than a sham and a pretense. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the matter of the careful, thorough, and complete indexing of all Masonic law books. There is a trite saying among the lawyers of today to the effect that "It is not so much to know the law as to know where to find it." The authoritative books on Masonic law in each Grand Jurisdiction ought to be so thoroughly indexed and cross-indexed, and with so much care as to detail, that even the brother who is wholly unfamiliar with Masonic law would have no trouble in finding the law bearing upon a particular question or situation. The various subjects contained in these books should not merely be indexed under the names by which they are called in the book, but under all the names and titles under which an inquiring brother would naturally look for the desired information. Every time a Masonic Code is revised great care and pains should be taken with the compilation of the index, and there should be no hesitation whatever about getting the index too large. It should be made thorough and complete, even though it exceeded the Code itself in size. Good index work once thoroughly, intelligently, and carefully done will save all sorts of time, worry, labor, and friction in the future.

FOREIGN RELIEF.

Several very unpleasant contentions have arisen between different Grand Jurisdictions of the United States owing to the lack of rules regulating the matter of the granting of relief to unfortunate brethren of foreign jurisdictions in need of aid and assistance away from home.

While we are glad that in each and every one of these cases the brother in distress was not allowed to suffer, but was in each instance granted prompt and efficient relief, yet we regret the fact that a most unpleasant controversy has afterwards arisen over the right of the lodge or Grand Lodge granting the relief to reimbursement from the lodge or Grand Lodge of which the distressed brother was a member.

There is unfortunately no governing body or convention of Masons in the United States which has power to regulate these inter-state complications, but it does seem to us that some such a convention, attended by representatives of the Grand Lodges of the United States, should be held, at which rules and regulations could undoubtedly be agreed upon and adopted, for the purpose of bringing about a common understanding with reference to the rules which should govern matters of inter-state importance between the several Grand Jurisdictions.

We submit this suggestion to this Grand Lodge for its consideration, and believe that the Grand Lodge of Iowa would confer a great benefit upon the fraternity by setting in motion the project of holding some such convention, attended by the Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, or other duly authorized representatives of the several Grand Jurisdictions, and held in some centrally located city such as Chicago or St. Louis.

One little thing, at least, can be done, which, if done in time, we believe would save untold bitterness and unpleasantness afterwards, and that is that before a lodge furnishes anything more than immediate and temporary emergent relief to a foreign brother, it telegraph his lodge advising the lodge of his needs and asking instructions as to the furnishing of further relief to him, and seeking information upon the matter of reimbursement for moneys expended in granting such relief. If this plan could be followed it would certainly result in the promotion of harmony between the several Grand Jurisdictions.

PUBLIC CHURCH SERVICE.

We have noticed a growing tendency among one or two of the American Grand Lodges, and especially in the Canadian Grand Lodges, to grant dispensations to their lodges to attend the services of a denominational or sectarian church in a body as a lodge, and oftentimes in full Masonic regalia.

We cannot help but view this growing practice with alarm, as one tending to seriously disturb the peace and harmony which has prevailed among the members of the craft, and which has been secured to it in the past, by its absolute and entire separation from theological and religious institutions. We have commented upon this practice fully in our reviews of the Proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions of Illinois, Florida, Indiana, and Canada, to which the brethren are referred for a full statement of the reasons upon which our conclusions are based.

FUNDS.

It is surprising how little legislation has been had in the several Grand Jurisdictions controlling the matter of the proper and legitimate expenditure of Masonic lodge funds. Yet this is a most im-

portant matter, and we have come across several very striking instances where there has been exhibited a disposition on the part of lodges to make a use of funds which could by no means be interpreted as Masonic, such as the promoting of factory schemes, boom projects in cities, and the like. It does seem to us that there ought to be in our own Masonic Code some legislation bearing upon this subject and controlling and regulating the expenditure of lodge funds.

NEW LODGES.

The matter of the principles which should guide a Grand Master in issuing a dispensation for the formation of new lodges is one of such vital importance and so little understood among the brethren generally that we believe we are justified in publishing as an appendix to this report a circular letter issued by Grand Master Alexander H. Bell, of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, instructing his brethren fully and carefully upon this matter, and we have therefore attached such an appendix to this report.

When we reflect how many dispensations are thoughtlessly granted for this purpose, and how many weak and sickly lodges are chartered only to wither and die within a short space of time, and how the misguided zeal of enthusiastic brethren leads them to set on foot projects for the formation of new lodges which are doomed to disaster, the importance of Masonic instruction upon this subject will be obvious.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

The Grand Jurisdictions all over the English-speaking world are rapidly adopting a system of identification cards which are issued at the expense of the Grand Lodges by the Grand Secretary to the several subordinate lodges certifying that they are regularly organized lodges within his Grand Jurisdiction, which cards are in turn issued by the Secretaries of the local lodges to the individual members, certifying such members to be in good standing in their several lodges, and containing a short description of the holder of the card.

The use of these cards has proved itself to be of material assistance to the lodge Secretaries in keeping the dues of the members paid up, and has proved itself to be a helpful remedy against suspension for non-payment of dues. If this card system served no other purpose than that of cutting down the large amount of unpaid dues which appears upon the records of so many lodges, it would still more than justify the expense of putting it into practice.

We believe, however, that no such cards should ever be issued without their having printed in clear type in red ink upon their face a warning in the following words: "The holder of this card cannot be admitted to a lodge without being first duly vouched for, or passing the usual examination," for without this warning there would be too great a tendency on the part of too many careless Masons to rely for Masonic vouching purposes upon the possession by a visiting

brother of this identification card, and in view of the fact that such cards could easily fall into the hands of the profane, such a practice would be highly dangerous.

We believe that this Grand Lodge, however, can no longer dispense with this system of card identification for the simple reason that in an increasingly large number of Grand Jurisdictions our Iowa brethren will not be permitted to visit lodges unless they are in possession of such a card, and we would therefore recommend that such a system of identification cards be adopted, made compulsory, and put in force in this Grand Jurisdiction without further delay, and that visiting brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions be required to exhibit such cards as a condition precedent to their visitation of the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

EPILOGUE.

The time has come when we must lay down the chisel and mallet and send up our work for inspection. We realize that the stone turned out is far from a perfect ashlar, and yet, that rough and crude as it is, it must still be submitted to the overseers in the hope that they will temper judgment with mercy and suffer it to pass as an approximation to good, true, and square work.

We know that apologies are idle and useless—as a rule nothing more than confessions of weakness and incompetence.

Yet we feel that a word as to the stress and strain under which this report has been written may not be out of place here.

The inroads upon our time made by the demands of our “usual avocation,” that of a hard-driven lawyer, practicing without a partner, coupled with the fact that during most of the year we have been burdened with the duties incumbent upon the presiding officer of another of our Grand Masonic Bodies, has left us precious little time for the performing of our duties as they deserve to be performed.


We have had no opportunity to shape smooth and graceful sentences, or prepare rhetorical periods. Neither have we had time to draw preliminary designs upon the trestle-board, but have been forced to hack out the work from crude plans existing only in the mind and formed as the work proceeded. Nearly every word has been dictated to a stenographer during odds and ends of time snatched from the busy days of an active professional life, and many vexing interruptions have intervened to make continuity of thought practically impossible.

We realize that we have given free and full expression to our opinions, and that our prejudices have at the same time found palpable utterance. Yet, we trust that we have offended none of the noble knights of the round table by hasty or ill-considered words. Still, if we have been guilty of offenses against the amenities governing the international interchange of fraternal courtesies, we can only plead our lack of experience in extenuation and bow our head in submission to whatever sentence may be inflicted upon our shortcomings.

Yet, after all, swift and hurried as the work has been, we have enjoyed it. It has moved by the crowded days of commercial life like beautiful scenery, along the shores of some wonderful river, granting to the galley-slave, chained to the barge of business, glimpses of a nobler and better life, the life to be lived in those days when the brotherhood of man shall no longer be a dream, but a living, breathing reality—

“When the war drums beat no longer,
And the battle flags are furled
In the parliament of man,
The federation of the world.”

Respectfully submitted,


Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

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Proceedings of the following fifty-five Grand Lodges are herein reviewed. Those received too late for alphabetical assignment will be found at the close of report:

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“FROM THE EAST

“OF THE

“MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

“CARLINVILLE, ILL., January 30, 1908.

“To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Constituent Lodges, A. F. & A. M., of the State of Illinois:

“BRETHREN:—Section 2, Article 13, of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, provides that ‘no dispensation for new lodges shall be issued in any city or town having three or more chartered lodges (except the city of Chicago) without the recommendation of the three oldest lodges, nor in any other place without the consent of the three nearest lodges.’

“Section 5 of Article 23 of Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws, imposes a further limitation. For many years it had provided that no dispensation for a new lodge should issue if its proposed location was ‘within ten miles of any other lodge in this jurisdiction, unless such other lodge has sixty or more members or unless the new lodge is to be located in a town or city having at least five thousand inhabitants.’

“At our Grand Lodge held in October last, Section 5 above quoted, was amended so that the ten mile limit was reduced to five miles, and the membership limit was reduced to forty.

“This change in the By-laws is resulting in numerous applications for dispensations to form new lodges, most of them in small villages. The unusual number of such applications suggests the wisdom of addressing you on the subject.

“Of the nine hundred and one lodges chartered by our Grand Lodge, more than one hundred and forty have passed out of existence, most of them because they were too feeble to live. In some instances the shifting of the centers of population has necessarily resulted in the decadence of one lodge and the consequent growth of another.

“What can it profit Masonry in Illinois as a whole, to multiply lodges, if the natural and probable result is that for each new lodge chartered, an old lodge must die?

“There are now in this state many feeble lodges. The Grand Master frequently receives applications for assistance from lodges, which urge as a reason for making such appeal that they are so weak, and their membership so small, that they can do nothing themselves.

“The Grand Lodge is now maintaining its homes for the aged and for orphans, and these institutions are so conducted as to be eminently creditable to Masonry in Illinois. Every Mason in this state is, or ought to be, proud that he is privileged to assist in this great and glorious work.

“It takes money, however, to build, equip, and maintain these institutions, and the Grand Lodge must derive its revenues from its constituent lodges and their members.

“Many lodges in this state pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge much less than their representative draws out of it for mileage and per diem. Such lodges therefore instead of helping the Grand Lodge in administering its great charities, are in fact a financial burden to the Grand Lodge.

“It is true that many lodges of small membership are rich and strong in true Masonic spirit. It is obvious, however, that to multiply the weak lodges of the state is financial folly.

“It may be supposed that the Grand Master has ample power and discretion to guard against *too* great an increase in the number of

lodges. The Grand-Master has the *power*. He may in his discretion refuse his dispensation for the formation of a new lodge except where he is satisfied that there is a real necessity for it, and that it will be sufficiently vigorous to thrive. The present Grand Master, however, feels that his discretion is what lawyers term, a *legal* discretion, and that it should be exercised within the law. The law, at the last Grand Lodge, was changed. The Grand Master thinks that the change in the law means what it says, and indicates a change in the purpose of the Grand Lodge, and that when an application for a dispensation to form a new lodge comes to him for consideration, if it is fairly within the letter and spirit of the law, and conforms to the usages in that regard, and is duly recommended by the three nearest lodges and promises reasonable growth, for him to withhold his dispensation amounts to a disregard of the law. The discretion of the Grand Master thus exercised would be arbitrary and not a legal discretion.

"While the Constitution and By-laws relating to the formation of new lodges specify the conditions under which the Grand Master *may* grant his dispensation, they also serve as a *guide and direction* to his discretion.

"In any case, the Grand Master can have only the faintest idea whether a proposed new lodge will have a vigorous life or not. He cannot understand local conditions well enough to judge wisely in the matter.

"The brethren of the neighboring lodges whose jurisdiction will be affected by the formation of a proposed new lodge, know all about it. The Grand Master is entitled to the candid opinion of all constituent lodges whose jurisdiction would be affected by the formation of a new lodge.

"No new lodge can be formed in the city of Chicago without procuring the recommendation of three lodges in that city.

"In other cities having three or more lodges, no new lodge can be formed without the consent of the three oldest lodges.

"In all other places in the state no new lodge can be formed without the consent of the three nearest lodges.

"The Grand Master knows that in many cases, lodges when asked for their consent for the formation of a new lodge, give such consent only because they want to be accommodating, and do not want to appear small or jealous of some neighboring locality. Consent is oftentimes given when the lodges giving it know, or have every reason to know, that the formation of the proposed new lodge must result in a frail and short life for it, or in the decay and death of some neighboring lodge, which by consenting to the formation of the new lodge, has signed its own death warrant. In such cases it would be much better to bring about a change in the location of an existing lodge. Cutting up the territory into very small lodge jurisdictions means inevitably, small, weak lodges, and while numerical strength is not all, or even the most important asset of a lodge, yet all experience has shown that lodges too small in membership are but seldom efficient in any respect.

"Why should the Grand Master be asked not to authorize any new lodges in Chicago when numerous worthy brethren and three regular lodges there ask that it be done?

"Why should the Grand Master be asked to refuse his consent for a new lodge at any place in the state, when a respectable number of good brethren and the three nearest lodges unite in asking for it?

"These are questions which Masons generally very seldom consider. If you do not want to surrender a part of the territory within the jurisdiction of your lodge, you do not have to do it. No new

lodge can be formed to divide your territory unless your lodge consents to it. If you do not want to divide your territory, if you do not want the new lodge to be formed, then do not consent to it, and it will not be formed.

“When your lodge is asked to give its consent to the formation of a new lodge, do not consent merely that your lodge may not seem ungracious. Do not give your consent as a mere matter of neighborly good will and accommodation. Consider what is best for Masonry. Of course consent should never be refused because of local rivalries, or neighborhood jealousies. Give consent or withhold it as in your opinion is best for Masonry, and for lodges of Masons in your locality. The Grand Master wants to feel fully assured when your lodge consents to the formation of a new lodge, that it has given the question mature consideration. He wants to know that your consent was given not for the accommodation of good brethren or of any neighborhood, but that your action has been determined by an earnest purpose to promote the good of Masonry *as a whole*. On the proposition to form new lodges, or to give your consent thereto, as on all other propositions, vote and act for the good of Masonry.

“It is not the purpose of the Grand Master to discourage the formation of new lodges in places where the good of Masonry would be promoted by them. Some new lodges will be formed. Some are needed. It is the earnest purpose of the Grand Master, however, to invite attention to the Masonic law governing these matters, and to urge each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction so to vote and act when consent is asked for the formation of a new lodge, that its action when taken may be a safe guide to his discretion. The Grand Master has the right to ask that you help him, and that no hasty or ill-considered action of yours shall make a task already difficult, still more perplexing.

“It is ordered that this be read in full at the stated communication of each lodge in this state next after it is received.

“It is further ordered that whenever the consent of your lodge is asked for the formation of a new lodge, this be then read in full immediately before the vote on such proposition shall be taken.

“Fraternally yours,

“Attest:

“ISAAC CUTTER,

[Seal.]

“Grand Secretary.”

“ALEXANDER H. BELL,

“Grand Master.

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